



Wreckage of the Libyan Boeing 727 seen in Sinai yesterday.

(David Rubinger)

## Wreckage strewn across 600 metres

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
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When one sees the wreckage of a Libyan Arab Airlines Boeing 727, the human dimensions of tragedy become clear.

A trail of destruction lies 600 m across the sandy wastes of the Bitter Lake and 20 kms. east of Suez Canal. It is hard to believe that even seven survivors of 113 persons aboard.

A few plane sections which were held together were scorched flames. For hundreds of metres on either side of the wreckage the paraphernalia of tourists' home life is scattered: Duty-free cigarettes and perfumes, a service and a still smouldering guide to Libya, a doll, a nylon, and a brown bottle of Pepsi-Cola lie scattered, miraculously intact.

Curious and admittedly intrigued — inspection of the wreckage was caused by the plane's back engines which, after it broke free and forced their way through the wreckage, the cockpit, burning and smashing everything in their path.

Shortly before 3 p.m. yesterday members of the army, aided by several soldiers, came to clear the bodies from the wreckage — an operation that took 20 hours. The 13 found alive were removed within half an hour of the crash by Air Force helicopter. Six of them later died.

A difficult job of identifying mangled bodies is still proceeding. Most of the passports have been found.

Search of the wreckage for bullet holes proved futile. The tail section had two or three holes which

could have been caused by bullets, but one cannot be certain. One of the engine covers was also full of holes, but these probably were caused by flying pieces of metal after the engine exploded. One of the tyres had a distinct hole and this would seem to have been caused by a bullet.

The plane's fuselage was smashed into fragments, with a patch of green and white paint visible here and there. The cockpit is a mass of wires and broken panels. Only one chair — brown, with a Paisley pattern — is in one piece. There is nothing else worth salvaging.

The soldiers guarding the plane were subdued. One of them told me he had seen plenty of death in his life — "but never anything like this." He had served in the Six Day War and spent two-and-a-half years on the Suez Canal during the War of Attrition, but the clearing up operations he had been carrying out for the previous 20 hours were, he said, the "most terrible job of my life."

### Libyan co-pilot's wife arrives

LOD AIRPORT — The wife of the co-pilot of the Libyan airliner downed by Israeli aircraft in Sinai arrived here last night from Athens to see her injured husband, Mrs. Haya S. Theodoropolou, a Greek woman travelling on a Libyan passport, arrived aboard an Air France Boeing 727.

She left immediately for the Soroka Medical Centre in BeerSheva where her husband, Yonis el-Mehdi, is hospitalized with six other survivors of the crash (see story Page 2).

## Morocco sending troops to Syria

RABAT (AP). — Morocco's King Hassan announced yesterday he had decided to send troops and armaments to Syria starting next month. The King made the announcement in a nationwide radio and television speech.

The force of unspecified size would be chosen by picking volunteers, Hassan said.

Observers saw Hassan's surprise announcement as a move to consolidate the regime, shaken by two major coup attempts in two years, by gaining left-wing and Arab nationalist support through the overt support of Syria in the struggle with Israel.

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## Meir's visit to U.S. clouded by incident

By SAM LIPSKI  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The downing of the Libyan airliner Wednesday has clouded the public atmosphere surrounding the reception of Israel's Prime Minister, Golda Meir, when she arrives in the U.S. next week.

But American officials, while privately expressing dismay at the incident, do not expect it will influence the official exchanges between Mrs. Meir and President Nixon on the prospects for a Middle East settlement.

Israel's commando raid on terrorist bases in Lebanon, coming only two days before talks between American officials and Egypt's special envoy, Hafez Ismail, and only a week before Mrs. Meir's arrival has created rather more substantive concerns within the Nixon administration. Although the two incidents coincided, they are being viewed differently in Washington: Mrs. Meir can expect sharp questioning on the airliner affair from the Press during her visit, but in her official talks, the emphasis will be on the problems raised by the deep raids into Lebanese territory rather than the Boeing incident.

In their public statements, American officials are trying to avoid any condemnation of Israel for the downing of the Libyan airliner. Instead, they are emphasizing the human side of the incident, noting the heavy loss of life. At the State Department yesterday, the spokesman, Charles Bray, said Secretary of State William Rogers had telephoned Mr. Ismail in London on Wednesday to express his condolences. Mr. Bray strongly rejected suggestions that this was done to prevent cancellation of Mr. Ismail's visit to Washington, where he is scheduled to hold talks with President Nixon and Mr. Rogers today.

Asked if the Libyan airliner tragedy had "clouded" the forthcoming talks with Mr. Ismail and Mrs. Meir, Mr. Bray said that no such impression had been made at any official level. He said he would not put any construction on President Nixon's message of condolence to Libya on Wednesday, other than the desire to express sadness at the loss of life.

As for Mr. Ismail's visit, Mr. Bray said the U.S. still regarded it as part of a process in which views would be exchanged and negotiations might begin.

## LIAISON OFFICES FOR U.S., PEKING

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. and Communist China will establish "liaison offices" in each other's capitals — a step just short of full diplomatic relations between the two nations, the two governments announced yesterday.

"The two sides agreed that the time was appropriate for accelerating the normalization of relations," Washington and Peking said in a joint communique that followed this week's visit to China by presidential envoy Henry Kissinger.

The announcement came on the first anniversary of President Nixon's arrival in Peking, a visit that chipped away 20 years of accumulated ice from relations between the two countries.

The function of the liaison offices was not spelled out in the announcement, but the communique

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# Airliner incident won't harm peace hope — Dayan

## Hod: Plane movements 'suspicious'

By SRAYA SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf Mordechai Hod, O.C. Air Force, said yesterday the decision to intercept the Libyan plane was made "at the highest military command level according to standard procedure in emergencies."

The pilots of the Phantoms which made the interception were in continuous contact with their superiors throughout the operation.

Aluf Hod said that the Libyan co-pilot, who is one of the survivors, told his investigators that the pilots understood perfectly well what was wanted from them, but resolved to try and escape "because of the situation between our countries."

The co-pilot is hurt and could not be interrogated too closely. Neither is it known whether the pilots were under pressure from somebody in the plane to cross into Israel-held air space, he said.

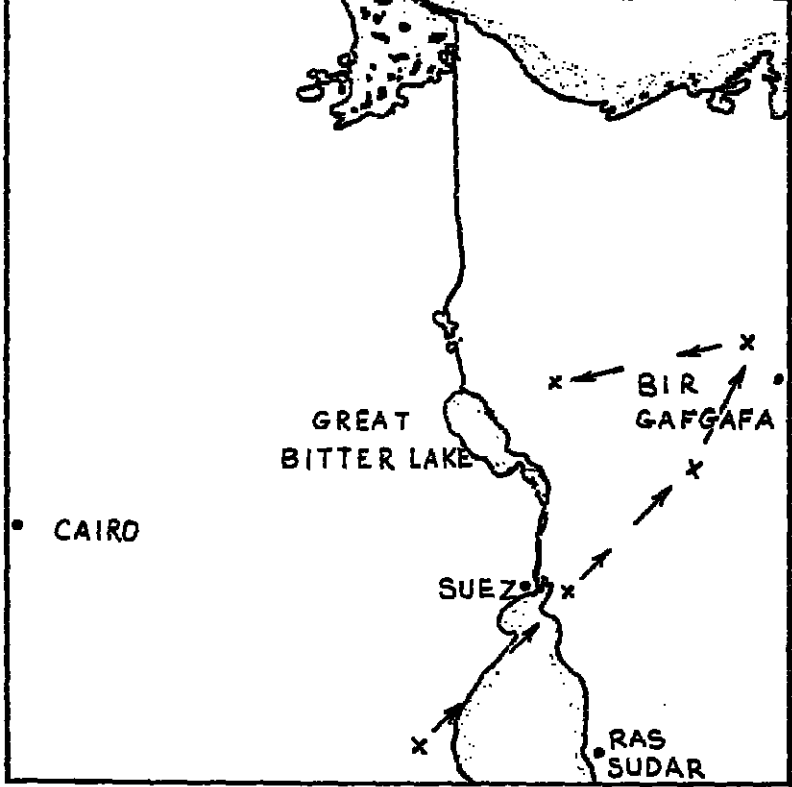
Aluf Hod said: "We intended to force the Libyan plane down and investigate whether the pilot was mistaken in taking the course from Port Suez to the northeast. However, the pilot ignored instructions and turned straight westwards to the Canal, even after the Phantoms fired warning shots. Then the plane was hit to damage its wings so that it could not fly much longer. It was then only that the Libyan Boeing 727 tried a forced landing, but failed."

Meeting the press at Beit Soko low here, Aluf Hod said the Libyan plane appeared on Israeli radar at 1.55 p.m. on Wednesday, flying at 15,000 feet over "the most restricted area of the frontier, with most sensitive installations — flying over the area is strictly prohibited."

Two Phantoms were sent up to identify "this most suspicious plane" and force it down at the Bir Gafgafa airfield. The Phantoms reached the Boeing when it was 50 kms. west of the Suez Canal.

One of the pilots told the press he saw "very near the Boeing's cockpit, three or five metres perhaps, so that its pilot could see the signal I made with my hand to go down and turn back to the

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## Libyan plane's route

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The Libyan Boeing 727 plane was detected by Israeli radar on Wednesday at 1.55 p.m. as it entered Israeli airspace at a point south of the town of Suez.

The two Israeli Air Force planes that intercepted the Libyan Boeing were sent up later. The Boeing plane entered Israeli airspace over Sinai at a point directly south of the town of Suez. It then headed in the direction of the large military base at Rafidim (Bir Gafgafa). The two Israeli Phantom planes began signalling the Libyan plane to follow them with internationally recognized identification and warning signals. At this point, the Libyan Boeing was already some 50 kms. inside Israel-held territory, some

30 kms. south-west of Bir Gafgafa. From here, the intruding aircraft flew northwards, near Bir Gafgafa, where it lowered its landing gear, as if it were going to land at the Rafidim air force base.

At a point some 15 kms. north-west of Bir Gafgafa, when it was already 80 kms. inside Sinai, the Libyan plane suddenly veered west-south-west, heading towards the Suez Canal. Soon after the Boeing tried to head back to Egypt, at 2.07 p.m., the Israeli planes began firing warning shots into the air. When the Boeing's captain ignored these warnings, the Israeli pilots received orders to shoot to make the plane land. The Boeing's wings were hit, and the plane crash-landed at 2.11 p.m., 20 kms. east of the northern tip of the Great Bitter Lake.

## Egypt plays tape recording of 'pilot's words'

CAIRO (Reuters). — The last words of the French pilot of the Libyan airliner forced down by Israeli jets on Wednesday indicated that he had lost his way and strayed over Israeli-held Sinai because of instrument trouble, according to a tape played at a press conference here yesterday.

"I guess we have serious trouble with the headings (direction) and compass," Captain Jacques Bourges said in a radio conversation with Cairo International Airport. There was a pause. Then he said "We are shot, we are shot by the fighter, we are shot by the fighter."

Captain Bourges' words were played back at a crowded press conference yesterday from Egyptian civil aviation tape.

Earlier on the recording, the French pilot reported he was flying over Fayoum, 10 nautical miles southwest of Cairo. He was given permission to descend and was assigned runway 23 for his landing.

Then he said "We are having some problems. We have four Mig fighters just behind us."

The Director-General of aeronautics at the Egyptian aviation organization, Captain Hassan Selim, said the pilot was under the impression he was over Egypt and therefore believed the jets were Soviet-built Mig's rather than Israeli. In fact, Captain Selim said, the Libyan airliner had lost its way and was over the Sinai desert.

Dr. Mohamed Kader Hatem, deputy Premier and Information Minister, said the tape showed "beyond all doubt" Israel's determination to prevent the Libyan civil aircraft. He declared: "This crime constitutes one of the most cowardly and

barbaric acts of violence that has ever happened."

Dr. Hatem said Libya's ruling Revolutionary Command Council was yesterday in continued session, discussing "the various aspects of the Israel attack on the airliner."

Tripoli Radio said last night that Libya has asked the International Red Cross to provide it with a list of the names of the survivors, and to prepare them for departure as soon as their health permits.

The Libyan Revolutionary Command Council yesterday set up an inquiry commission and immediately sent it to Cairo.

Captain Selim said the Cairo airport control tower had no recording of any conversation between the Israeli fighters and the pilot of the Libyan airliner.

"If they have a tape of any conversation let the Israelis produce it," he said.

The Egyptians said that the Cairo

## Decision taken by military

By HIRSH GOODMAN

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that the decision to force the Libyan plane to land before it managed to cross into Egyptian territory "had no political significance whatsoever." He expressed the belief that the incident should have no effect on peace proposals in the Middle East.

The Minister called the incident a tragedy and expressed his sorrow over the loss of life. Mr. Dayan said that the decision to force the plane to land was taken at the military level — a decision which he thought was correct. He personally saw no need for a board of inquiry, but added that the Prime Minister could decide otherwise.

Mr. Dayan, addressing newsmen here, was at loss to explain why the pilot of the plane had decided to act in the manner he did. He hoped that once the "black box" had been found, or when the co-pilot had recovered sufficiently to give his version of the story, the pilot's "incomprehensible behaviour" would be clarified.

He said that if an Israeli pilot acted in a similar way, and somehow managed to return safely to Israel, he would be court-martialed. Israeli pilots have standing orders, he said, to follow orders from the military authorities when in enemy territory, and not to endanger the passengers. He hoped these orders would be enforced by all nations, so as to ensure that similar tragedies would be prevented in the future.

## HAD NO OPTION

The Defence Minister said that he for one could not say if any damage had been caused to the security of the state by the Libyan plane at the time it was forced to land. But the plane had behaved in a most suspicious manner over what is perhaps the most sensitive military area in the country, leaving the military authorities no option but to force the plane to land.

From the way the pilot behaved, he said, the only logical conclusion was that he had hostile intentions. Had the incident not happened over the Suez Canal, but over Lod Airport, things may have been different, he said.

Mr. Dayan assured an audience of some 300 newsmen representing all major international networks and newspapers that Israel would cooperate fully with the competent international bodies in clarifying the incident, and would place all technical assistance possible at the disposal of these organizations. Should the military attaches of any embassy in Israel wish to investigate the incident, they too would be granted all possible assistance.

Israel had not prepared for, and did not expect, any reprisal raids from the Arab countries over what happened, Mr. Dayan said.

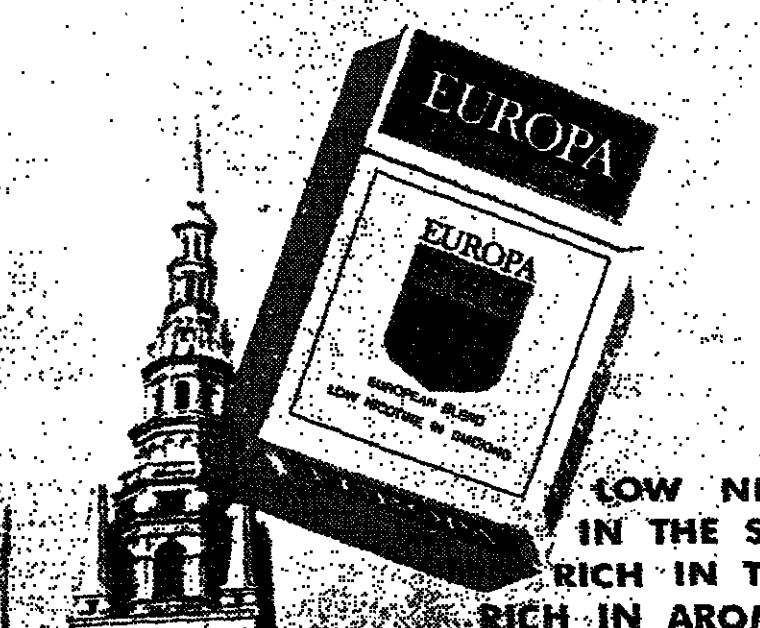
He said that it was his personal conviction that Israel should not offer any compensation to the families of the deceased since the only one to blame was the captain of the aircraft — who through his irrational behaviour was responsible for the deaths of the passengers. "I see no reason at all why we should be placed in the position of the guilty party," he concluded.

## Bodies going to Egypt today

TEL AVIV. — The bodies of 106 of the victims of the Libyan airliner will be handed over to Egypt today, a military spokesman said here last night.

The coffins are to be transferred at Kantara on the Suez Canal, together with personal belongings and aircraft equipment. The transfer will be made at noon, under the auspices of the International Red Cross, the spokesman added.

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## Plane tragedy in Sinai 'victory' for terrorists

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Expression of regret over the loss of innocent lives — and bewilderment over the inexplicable actions of the captain of the Libyan airliner — were voiced yesterday by Israeli leaders.

Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Gali expressed the profound grief of Israel's people and government over the Libyan plane crash. "This is a dreadful outcome of the situation of war and terrorism imposed on our country for many years," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"It might be described as a kind of victory for the terrorists," Mr. Gali said, "whose criminal designs, especially of late, oblige us to a deepening and stringent alertness towards any aircraft penetrating sensitive military zones." The Minister made this statement after his interview with *The Post* (in today's *Weekend Magazine*), which was held before news of the Libyan plane crash was known.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren expressed his grief at the death of innocent civilians on the plane. He said human life was the supreme value in Jewish thinking, because every human being was moulded in the image of God.

Elisadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, called the International Transport Workers' Federation to express "deep sorrow at the tragedy resulting from war tension." He added that he hoped the tragedy would serve to "stress the urgent need for peace in our war-ridden region."

The president of the Israel Pilots' Union, Captain Yitzhak Shaked, said in a cable sent to the International Federation of Airline Pilot Associations (IFALPA) that he was "puzzled at the inexplicable actions of the Libyan aircraft captain."

But he assured the Federation that "any aircraft innocently entering Israeli airspace would be intercepted and directed to a safe landing, where crew and passengers would be treated according to international law."

Transport Minister Shimon Peres stressed at a Labour Party meeting in Beit Berl last night that the incident proved once more that a clear distinction must be made between civil aviation and the terror actions perpetrated by Arab organizations. "These actions have gained the support of several Arab states including Libya," he said. He noted that the terrorists have recently threatened to crash a plane on one of the heavily populated urban centres in Israel, "in order to wreak havoc and destruction."

This fact had created a most depressing and difficult atmosphere, the Minister added. "There are international rules governing such incidents as occurred in Sinai on Wednesday, and they include the logic of the last resort — when the plane does not heed warnings and instructions."

In Tel Aviv, Rakhah (the New Communist List) yesterday sharply criticized the Army's commando operation against terrorist bases in Lebanon and the Libyan plane crash, tying them up together as "criminal acts of aggression."



The Libyan co-pilot, Yonis el-Mehdi, at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba yesterday.

## Seven survive Sinai crash 'Don't know why pilot ignored the signals'

By HERBERT BEN-ADI

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
BEERSHEBA. — A French steward in the crash of the Libyan Boeing 727 in the Sinai desert Wednesday afternoon — told newsmen yesterday he did not know why the pilot had ignored the signals of the Israeli jets which intercepted the airliner.

He said he had seen the Israeli planes signalling to the Boeing. Speaking from his hospital bed at the Soroka Medical Centre (formerly Negev Central Hospital), Jean-Pierre Burdat said about 15 minutes had passed between the first contact with the Israeli jets and the time he felt "two rockets" hit the plane.

"I was in the back of the plane," the grey-haired, 40-year-old steward said slowly and painfully, "and I didn't know what was happening. It was my understanding that the radio was functioning, but the compass was out of order."

Mr. Burdat said when the plane hit the ground "everything broke up. I found myself about 50 metres from the plane with a broken thigh. The plane was enveloped in flames and I started to crawl away from the debris. I didn't want to stay near the plane because I feared the wind might shift and I would be burned."

"When I was taken to the hospital, I didn't know what was happening to me; but here I am being treated excellently," the steward said. He added he had pains in the feet, stomach and head.

Two of the nine passengers and crew members evacuated alive from the wreckage died yesterday morning in hospital. Both of them were women. One was still unidentified; the other was a French stewardess, identified only as "Miss Jinxoux."

### SURVIVORS IDENTIFIED

The other six persons hospitalized were:

- Faisal Mohammed el-Shariya, an Egyptian, suffering from fractures and minor burns;
- Abdullah el-Khamli, a Jaffa-born Jordanian subject, severe burns;
- Fathi Abdullah el-Kom, a Libyan, severe burns;
- Assad Shukri Telhouni, said to be a former Libyan government minister. (Libyan state radio reported that Saleh Boissier, former Foreign Minister, was among the 104 passengers who died in the crash);
- Yonis el-Mehdi, the Libyan co-pilot, minor burns and fractures.

The seventh patient, a man, was still unconscious and unidentified by late last night.

All seven injured are expected to recover, the hospital's director, Dr. Yosef Stern, said last night.

Co-pilot el-Mehdi was mumbling deliciously when newsmen approached his hospital bed. Interrupted from time to time by nurses giving him drinks, he said in broken English.

"They circle the plane and fired... they circle the plane... the radio was in order." Asked by this reporter why the pilot didn't land as instructed, he replied, "We were late."

The Egyptian passenger, el-Shariya, said: "The pilot, Captain Bourges (killed in the crash), was talking up and down the passenger compartment. I said, 'Captain, I see fighter planes.' He replied: 'Don't worry, they're ours.'"

Afterwards the passenger said he heard a "boom-boom." The plane was hit, and we crashed landed. I got out. Then I passed out."

Telhouni, the alleged former minister, refused to speak to newsmen. Recovering consciousness after abdominal surgery, he kept silent until one of the nurses addressed him in Arabic. He replied to her briefly, saying he had been to Nabulus in 1968. Then he fell silent again.

French Ambassador Francis Hure, and his wife yesterday morning visited the injured steward, Red Cross delegates arrived at the hospital in the afternoon and talked with the injured. Mr. Hure told *The Je-*

## Hod: Suspicious movement

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airfield. But the pilot showed me with his hand that he wanted to go straight on. I repeated my gesture, he answered with his. After three attempts to make the Libyan pilot understand had failed, I flew before the Boeing and tipped my wings, which is the internationally accepted signal meaning 'follow me.' The Boeing put out its landing gear and began losing height."

Instead of following the Phantoms, however, the Boeing retracted its wheels and headed straight westwards, in the shortest line to the Suez Canal, picking up speed. "I again flew very close to the cockpit, so that the pilot could see me firing a gun. That should have convinced him that we meant business. He was obviously unimpressed. Whereupon I overflew him from behind firing diagonally so that the bullets flew just before the cockpit."

But the Boeing was obviously trying to escape. It was a minute flying time to the Canal. "Then I decided to force it down by hitting the wings in a way which would not permit it to fly far. I saw red flame with black smoke coming out of the right wing, a sign that a fuel tank was hit." The Boeing was flying at 1,500 feet.

Only then did the Boeing turn downwards to attempt a forced landing. "It was still heading straight to the west. The undercarriage was not pulled out. The terrain was a sandy plain. I believe the pilot was going to land safely. But he did not do too well. The plane caught fire as it hit the ground."

The pilot said he tried to see whether there were passengers on the Libyan plane, but "all the curtains were drawn, one couldn't see anyone."

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with local rain, mainly in the north.  
Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy.  
Yesterday's Temperature Today's  
Humidity Min.-Max. Min.-Max.  
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Golan 69 15-40 15-40  
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Jericho 51 15-34 15-34  
Qaza 52 15-34 15-34  
Beersheba 46 13-28 13-28  
Eilat 83 18-26 18-26  
Tiran Straits 57 20-25 20-25

## Social and Personal

Denmark's Transport Minister, Mr. Jens Kampman, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

The first two buildings of the Aaron Gutwirth Science-Based Industries Complex at the Technion were dedicated yesterday. Mr. Gutwirth, who donated the building funds, axed the mezzanine to the entrance. The Deputy Premier and Education Minister, Mr. Yigal Allon, attended the ceremony.

Labour Minister Yosef Abnogi yesterday gave his patronage to the world congress of the International Rehabilitation Association, scheduled to take place in Israel in 1976.

British Ambassador Bernard Ledwidge yesterday visited Tel Aviv University. He was received by Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, president of Tel Aviv University, and toured the campus, where his daughter is a student.

Canadian Ambassador T. Paul Malone and Prof. Hans Heinrich Maier of the Zurich Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute, where they were received by acting president Prof. Yisrael Dostrovsky.

A reception was held yesterday at the Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies for Lord Richard Kahn, professor of economics and provost, Cambridge University, and Mr. David Hamburger, president of the Manchester Council of Synagogues, England.

Dr. Georges Mathé, chairman of the *Comité des Douze Sages*, a research advisory body to the President of France, and Dr. Samson Gross, director of the Division of Genetics of the Department of Biochemistry at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, yesterday visited the University of the Negev, where they were the guests of the president, Prof. Moshe Prywes; the dean, Prof. Haim Hamani; and Prof. Amos Richmond, head of the Natural Sciences Faculty.

Mr. Moshe Carmel, M.K., will speak on "The U.S. and the Middle East Conflict" at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club at 1 p.m. today. Reservations by phone, 662954.

Free Centre leader Shmuel Tamir, M.K., will speak on "The Roots of the Economic Scandals" at the Haifa Engineers Forum, at 1 p.m. today.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**  
Grete Levison of Jerusalem thanks all who shared her grief upon the death of her dear brother, Kurt Herz. (Cologne — Sao Paulo).

## DEPARTURES

Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Geon, Chief Sephardi Rabbi of Great Britain, after attending an executive meeting of the World Sephardi Federation.  
Rabbi Judah Nadich, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Shmuel Brannick, chairman of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Mrs. Brannick — to New York, upon the conclusion of the three-day gathering.  
Raya Jaglom, president of World Wizo, for Geneva (by El Al).

## Admits he raped tourist in Eilat

EILAT. — A pretty blonde tourist from Holland waited 12 hours before complaining to police Wednesday morning that she had been raped. Nevertheless, it took police only a few hours to locate the suspect, a 25-year-old Israeli.

The suspect has admitted that he saw the girl, 20, in the "Elipha Wadi," and "could not overcome his lust for her." He will be brought to the Magistrates' Court for remand today. (Itim)

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## Israel diplomats braced for foreign criticism

By DAVID LANDAU

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem and Israel's diplomats abroad readied themselves yesterday to face criticism from some foreign governments over the downing of the Libyan airliner.

Instructions went out to embassies and consulates abroad ordering Israel's representatives to vigorously defend the Air Force's action, explain its circumstances and stress the politico-military background against which it occurred.

Ministers and senior officials considered whether to set up an official commission of inquiry to investigate the incident and, if so, what type of commission. Last night observers predicted that such a commission would indeed be established. France, Britain, Holland and other countries had urged such a move yesterday.

### SUICIDE RAID

The Foreign Ministry sent Israel's envoys, as background material, a copy of columnist Jack Anderson's article in the "Washington Post" on January 12, in which he predicted a Kamikaze-type suicide raid by Arab terrorists on an Israeli city. "The terrorists are plotting to hijack a plane and crash it into the heart of bustling Tel Aviv," he wrote. The information had come through intercepting secret terrorist radio messages, he said.

Israel diplomats will also stress that the Air Force pilots acted according to international air procedures, and did all they could to bring the plane's intrusion into Israeli airspace to a peaceful end.

Both the Foreign Ministry and the Defence Ministry were in contact with Red Cross officials during the day with a view to identifying the bodies and eventually repatriating the bodies and the survivors, but no arrangements have been finalized. The Red Cross passed a list of passengers to the army to help with identification efforts.

Observers here believe the Arab states will exploit the tragedy for propaganda purposes. But they doubt if Israel's foreign relations would be significantly affected once the initial, emotional reaction has passed. Israel will stress that the incident, however tragic, was an accident and is not symptomatic — as the Egyptians claim — of a powder-keg situation in the Middle East which must be defused at once by Great Power intervention.

### Talmi voted in as Mapam sec'y

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mapam Central Committee yesterday almost unanimously chose Meir Talmi to succeed Meir Ya'ari as the party's secretary-general. The vote was 201 for, none against, and 42 abstentions.

The 63-year-old founding member of Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek was proposed by Mr. Ya'ari, who recently stepped down after 52 broken years at the head of his Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz movement and Mapam. The election took place despite last-minute attempts of the anti-Alignment minority to postpone the vote by procedural complications.

Mr. Talmi, popularly known by his nickname "index" acknowledged the problems in succeeding Meir Ya'ari, noting that for the first time there was a distinction between the party secretary-general and the party leader. "I am no leader," he added. He described his election as "an interim appointment," indicating he would make way for a younger man in four years' time.

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### Three killed on Motza bend

Three persons were killed and two others seriously injured in a head-on collision at the Motza bridge on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway yesterday afternoon.

The dead are Georgette Rosner, 32, and Meir and Rina (Allia) Zand, both 61. Georgette's husband, Zefer, 35, and her son, Siggy, 7, were seriously injured. All were from Kibbutz Netzer Siren.

The car driven by Zefer Rosner apparently skidded on the wet road, heading toward Jerusalem, and collided with a truck going toward Tel Aviv. The truck dragged the car about 100 metres before both vehicles came to a stop. The truck driver was only slightly injured.

Recently the Motza bridge was resurfaced with skid-resistant asphalt, and electronically sensitive warning signs were installed to caution drivers when the road is wet. (Itim)

### Soldier buried, fell in duty

HAIFA. — Rav-Tural Yehuda Litani (Litmanovitch), who fell in the line of duty, was buried with military honours at the Hof Hacarmel military cemetery yesterday.

Yehuda Litani, who was 19, was a graduate of the Reali high school and of the Air Force technical school, and served in a combat unit. His father is a veteran J.N.F. official and secretary of the Hagana veterans in Haifa. Yehuda is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother. (Itim)

## Talmi voted in as Mapam sec'y

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Mapam Central Committee yesterday almost unanimously chose Meir Talmi to succeed Meir Ya'ari as the party's secretary-general. The vote was 201 for, none against, and 42 abstentions.

The 63-year-old founding member of Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek was proposed by Mr. Ya'ari, who recently stepped down after 52 broken years at the head of his Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz movement and Mapam. The election took place despite last-minute attempts of the anti-Alignment minority to postpone the vote by procedural complications.

Mr. Talmi, popularly known by his nickname "index" acknowledged the problems in succeeding Meir Ya'ari, noting that for the first time there was a distinction between the party secretary-general and the party leader. "I am no leader," he added. He described his election as "an interim appointment," indicating he would make way for a younger man in four years' time.

### 'Ma'ariv' is 25 years old

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The evening paper "Ma'ariv" marked its 25th anniversary with a big reception at the Hilton Hotel here yesterday.

Editor Arye Dismantchik and Oved Ben-Ami, a major partner in the enterprise, were hosts to a galaxy of prominent residents which included several Cabinet ministers, the Knesset Speaker, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the Inspector-General of Police, the dozen of the Diplomatic Corps, many ambassadors, Knesset members, army senior officers and political leaders from practically all the parties.

### PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets no. 349033 and no. 777806. Number 714414 won IL50,000 and numbers 314252 and 737082 won IL12,500. Tickets 037388, 431643, 431900 and 827161 won IL2,250. Tickets ending in 2 won IL1.

The following won IL1,250: 187927, 430521, 536287, 798177, 798111, 169846, 389044, 499531, 779012, 075318, 376489, 492803, 694116, 018974, 305871, 427230, 676465, 006381, 197891, 464878 and 577982.

French Ambassador Francis Hure, and his wife yesterday morning visited the injured steward, Red Cross delegates arrived at the hospital in the afternoon and talked with the injured. Mr. Hure told *The Je-*

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## 'Security tight enough on El Al'

LOD AIRPORT. — Security measures on Israel's national airline, El Al, are already maximal; there is no need to tighten them, despite the threats voiced against Israel civil aviation in Arab capitals following the Sinai Libyan plane incident. This was stated to "Itim" here yesterday by aviation officials.

The sources said the high state of preparedness here and at El Al installations abroad would, of course, continue; but no operative changes were being planned. (Itim)

## Sapir returns from U.S. talks

LOD AIRPORT. — Israel's request for \$415m. in aid is being studied by U.S. experts, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said here last night on his return from the U.S., where he conferred with the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Sapir reported that the reaction in the U.S. to the downing of the Libyan plane was "not encouraging or positive." He quoted American commentators as saying that "the plane incident will not be a positive contribution to the U.S. visit of Premier Golda Meir, next week." (Itim)

## Pincus dispels 'myth of pampered oleh'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jewish Agency chairman Arye L. Pincus yesterday came out against both "the myth of the pampered oleh" and the "over-reaction" of many Western immigrants when Israel reality did not live up to their expectations.

Mr. Pincus was speaking at the inaugural session of the luncheon club of the South African Zionist Federation at the Ambassador Hotel here. It was revealed that yesterday was the 25th anniversary of Mr. Pincus' own immigration to Israel from South Africa.

Mr. Pincus said he would speak to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to seek a revision of "recent bureaucratic arrangements," a reference to the current row over changes in customs duties for new immigrants.

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**Dr. PAUL HIRSCH**

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a Memorial Service and Unveiling of the Tombstone will be held at the cemetery of Moshe Avraham Zion, Wednesday, February 28, at 4 p.m.

We express our thanks to those who offered their sympathy and condolences.

The Sechter-Oked family

On the first anniversary of the death of

**Dr. F. L. MEZGER**

A memorial assembly will be held at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, on Monday, February 26, 1973, at 6 p.m.

Friends are invited

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE



## Shocked and indignant France wants role in Sinai plane probe

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Paris — Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann voiced France's shock and indignation yesterday over the incident in which Israeli planes forced a Libyan Boeing jet over Sinai desert.

Mr. Schumann summoned Israel's ambassador, Yosef Hadass, to the Quai d'Orsay for a 15-minute session in which four of the French crew members were interviewed.

Hadass, standing in for Ambassador Asher Ben-Natan (who is on a lecture tour of the U.S.), expressed Israel's regrets over the incident. But the envoy stressed that the Boeing had failed to obey orders to land after violating Israeli airspace.

Mr. Schumann asked that French experts be permitted to take part in an investigation of the crash of the Boeing. Mr. Hadass understood to have replied that he would consider this request seriously.

A diplomatic reporter adds: Officials in the French Foreign Ministry are not sure that French observers present in the Sinai are an inquiry mission. This request came because of the claim that the French Foreign Ministry is establishing an inquiry commission.

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But Air France pilots also discount the official Israeli explanation that the plane was downed because the captain ignored orders to land. One pilot said: "This is impossible. We are responsible for the lives of our passengers as well as our own. We know exactly how to behave under such circumstances. We just cannot imagine that Captain Bourges could have refused to obey."

The mass-circulation French evening newspaper "France-Soir" presented another theory. Reporter Charles Chaki wrote: "The captain of the Boeing 737 might have been the victim of a hijacking."

"Was he really in command when his plane flew over Sinai? Was there not a 'suicide' commando squad in the plane? All hypotheses are possible in such a strange drama."

Air France has been providing technical help to Libyan Arab airlines since September 1962. The French company provides Libya with 15 air crews, each of which is composed of a captain, a co-pilot and a mechanic. Forty-five French cabin crew — one-third of whom are stewards and two-thirds hostesses — also assist the Libyans.

Libyan Arab Airlines, which is headquartered in Benghazi, flies to Western Europe, North Africa and the Near East. It operates three Caravelles, two Boeing 727s — only one of which is left following Wednesday's disaster — a Lear Jet-23, two Mermel Dassault fan jet Falcons, and two Fokker-27s.

The French press was unanimous yesterday in condemning Israel for destroying the Libyan airliner.

The influential paper "Le Monde" denounced the shooting of the Libyan airliner as an "inexcusable fault."

The paper said Israel's mistake for the Gaddafi regime was understandable in the light of Libya's support for the Palestinian terrorists and of its hostility to Israel. "But the fact remains that the target was a commercial aircraft in distress and without defence and that 100 civilians of various nationalities have paid with their lives for a senseless act of war which apparently could easily have been avoided."

Another independent newspaper, "Combat," commented: "This is a grave and murderous act which can not be justified by war, that is to say it is a war crime."

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This sculpture was erected this week on the bridge leading into Haifa Port, near the railway station. The sculpture was planned by an engineer, G. Sokholowski, and executed by men of the port's maintenance section. It is 10 metres high and is made of large chain links.

## Killer drivers get jail, fines

TEL AVIV. — Two drivers convicted of causing death through negligent driving were each sentenced yesterday to three months in prison and a 112,000 fine. Their licences were revoked for three years.

David Moseyoff, 43, of Bnei Brak was convicted of running over a girl in the West Bank village of Anabta in July 1971. Judge Haim Shapiro of the Magistrates' Court conceded that there was contributory negligence on the victim's part, but he pointed out that the accused was speeding and the girl was merely five years old.

Yehoshua Lindner of Petah Tikva was convicted by Chief Magistrate Yehoshua Segal of causing the death of a 28-year-old woman last September. The accused had passed another vehicle at a crosswalk, failed to slow down, and hit the woman and her daughter. (Hm)

## Official convicted of accepting bribe

TEL AVIV. — The secretary of the Ramat Hasharon Local Council, Yehoshua Chen, was yesterday given a six-month suspended sentence for accepting a bribe from a sewage contractor. Another local official, Max Milner, head of the Ramat Hasharon Sanitation Department, was acquitted of the same charge.

District Court Judge Avraham Halima said the two men had received "interest-free loans" from the contractor, Dov Schneider. But Milner and the contractor were personal friends, so the judge said he was giving Milner the benefit of the doubt. (Hm)

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## Shulman trial witness convicted of holding forged passport

TEL AVIV. — The key prosecution witness and alleged co-victim in the rape trial of Mordechai ("Shulman Will Pay") Shulman was yesterday convicted of assuming a false identity, entering Israel on a forged passport and giving false information to the immigration authorities. Sentence will be passed at a later date.

The accused had admitted at the start of the trial that his name was not Peter Kovatch, as stated in his passport, but Haim Shafes. Magistrates' Court Judge Yosef Megory-Cohen acquitted Shafes of receiving money from the Absorption Ministry under false pretences.

Shafes arrived in Israel in 1964 with a legitimate South African passport bearing his real name. He admitted that during his first stay in Israel he had twice been convicted for theft.

In 1966, Shafes returned to South Africa, where he claimed to have become involved in supplying arms to the African Liberation movement. He left South Africa again on a Rumanian passport bearing the name of Peter Kovatch, to which he had affixed his own photograph. First he went to Australia and then returned to Israel, in December 1971. He was granted an immigrant's certificate — as Peter Kovatch.

The trial of Mordechai Shulman — in which Shafes claims that Shulman raped his girl companion, while he himself was molested by Shulman's friends — is still pending. (Hm)

## 39 now held in Golan Druse sabotage ring

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TIBERIAS. — Four more men have been arrested in Druse villages in the Golan, bringing to 39 the total number of suspects detained so far in connection with the spy and sabotage ring uncovered there last month.

Syrian espionage activities in the area now appear to have been much wider spread than was first assumed, and further arrests are expected.

## Recidivist terrorist gets 15 years more

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
GAZA. — A 21-year-old terrorist who escaped last May from Beer-sheva Prison — where he was serving a 20-year sentence for grenade-throwing — was yesterday sentenced by the Gaza Military Tribunal to 15 additional years. Yesterday's conviction and sentence were not for escaping (for this he will be tried in a civil court), but for being in possession of two grenades when he was recaptured.

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MASS MOVEMENT, a group of five young Belgians, demonstrated the art of living statues in the garden of the Artists Pavilion in Rehov Alhazari, Tel Aviv, Wednesday. The group, whose members wish to remain anonymous, had a picnic on the grass — of pitta, falafel and hummus — and then coated themselves with a thick layer of a rapidly coalescing spray. The result was a sight similar to the one above, which was taken in Belgium. Mass Movement recently stunned the Venice Biennale by releasing 10,000 butterflies in San Marco Square. They came to Israel from Japan, and are going to the Himalayas from here. Belgian Ambassador Frans Willems was present at yesterday's show.

## Sierra Leone thanks Israel for its aid

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The Sierra Leone Finance Minister this week expressed his country's appreciation to Israel for its aid and cooperation projects in Sierra Leone. The minister, Kana-Taylor, called in Israel Ambassador Naftali Ben-Yehuda on Tuesday to inform him of Sierra Leone's appreciation and of its hopes for closer cultural ties with Israel in the future.

The Finance Minister said to it that his conversation with the ambassador was later released to the local press.

This pointed expression of friendship came after reports this week by the Algerian News Agency that Sierra Leone is thinking of cooling its relations with Israel. Sierra Leone's Foreign Minister has been visiting Algiers, together with Dahomey's Foreign Minister. The two are now in Cairo.

Finance Minister Taylor told Mr. Ben-Yehuda that Sierra Leone hoped the Middle East conflict would be solved in the way the Vietnam war was ended — by negotiations between the sides.

## Kibbutz homes for immigrants

A three-year building programme to give immigrants who go to kibbutzim housing as good as they would get in town was announced Tuesday by Absorption Minister Nathan Feled.

The new plan, which will make a major change in absorption conditions at kibbutzim, was announced at the end of a meeting in the Knesset between Mr. Feled and representatives of Kibbutz Arzi. Mr. Feled noted that the growth of industry at the kibbutzim had created a need for hundreds of professionals, which he felt the kibbutzim could attract with a bit of effort.

## Rain won't continue over the weekend

Farmers still hoping...

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's rain, which covered most of the country, is not expected to continue today, the weatherman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. The strong winds are dying down and the rain clouds will start dispersing this morning. The forecast for Saturday is partly cloudy and warmer. For a little while yesterday it seemed as though winter had finally returned. There was rain in the north and central parts of the country and strong winds reaching 40 knots in Haifa, 30 knots in Jerusalem and Mount Canaan, and 20 knots in Tel Aviv. But it wasn't enough. The country's farmers are still waiting for a miracle — that is, for a good downpour that will last several days.

Mekorot, Israel's national water company, is being more realistic and is preparing itself for a long dry summer. Lake Kinneret is two metres below its normal level and 300 million cubic metres short of the optimal quantity needed to see the farmers through the summer.

Zeev Kariv, director-general of Mekorot, told a meeting of the company's Board of Directors that two of the country's artificial reservoirs — Lake Kishon and Zohar — are dry and are being filled with water from wells. The two lakes can hold up to 5 million cum. of water.

The water for the reservoirs is being taken from wells that are normally not used but are kept in reserve for emergency use. From these wells Mekorot has also started to pump water into the National Water Carrier. Mekorot fears that if no appreciable rainfall occurs during the next month, water carrier pumping will not only further reduce the level, but will also impair the quality of the water. The lake may be unable to absorb the nitrates which flow into it from the reclaimed Rula basin.

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## Bonn expresses 'shock' to Israel envoy

By BRIAN ARTHUR  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NN. — Israel's Ambassador to Bonn, Hillel Ben-Horin, was summoned yesterday to the Foreign Office, which expressed its "shock" at Israel's downing of a Libyan passenger jet over the Sinai desert.

Foreign Department head Günther von Weizsäcker "deplored the act of the consequences," which he said might have "by hardening the fronts in the Middle East and impairing attempts to reach a peaceful solution."

The Germans were concerned over reports that several German seamen had been aboard the Libyan jet and Bonn asked for detailed information from Israel on how the incident occurred.

The Israeli Embassy said Mr. Ben-Horin explained Israel's position. Later in the afternoon, Libyan Ambassador Jalal Mohammed Davy called on Mr. von Weizsäcker, who told him sympathy for the loss of lives in the jet crash. The Arab envoy earlier in the day had urged Bonn to stop its aid to Israel.

## Office to decide on DM 30m. loan

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

A committee of two has been appointed by Finance Minister Pinhas Pori to decide whether Mr. Ignatz, a West German businessman, will borrow 30m. Deutschmarks (DM) from the Israeli Government or the German Government.

The arbitrators are Avraham Agmon, Director-General of the Treasury, and Amos Manor, a lawyer.

Mr. Pori needs the money to finance two more Larousse hotels, Jerusalem and Nahariya. He has already almost completed one (in Tel Aviv) and two more are under construction. (In Tel Aviv) — make it five altogether.

His plan involves an investment of DM 180m. The first DM 10m has already been brought to Israel, of which DM 40m is in cash and DM 60m is a German loan to the remaining DM 60m.

But is entitled to receive approximately half as a loan from the German Government — but prefers to borrow the money in Germany. The money is being guaranteed by the Israeli authorities.

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## Fighting in Laos despite cease-fire

VIENTIANE (UPI). — A cease-fire throughout Laos began yesterday but fighting was reported across the country three hours after it took effect.

There was no immediate confirmation that U.S. bombing stopped when the government radio announced the cease-fire had started at noon yesterday (7 a.m. Israel time) but at 3 p.m. military sources said Royal Lao Air Force T28 jet fighters were still flying bombing and strafing missions in north Laos, and military reports said "the usual military activity" was still going on in the south.

Half an hour after the truce took effect, acting Defence Minister Sisouk Na Champassak went on national radio to order all government troops to strictly observe the agreement. At the same time, the Communist Pathet Lao radio ordered its troops to stop fighting.

But Sisouk also warned Laotian troops to prepare themselves to resist any Communist offensive and to hold territory under their control at any cost.

Regarding the Vietnam cease-fire, the U.S. accused Communist troops of stalling yesterday and the Communists issued a denunciation of allied conduct since the January 28 truce.

The South Vietnamese command accused the Communists of 133 truce violations in the 24 hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday. This was to take place in the next five days.

The Saigon command said 9,204 Vietnamese on both sides have been killed in nearly four weeks of the cease-fire, including 98 in the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday.

Military and diplomatic sources said, meanwhile, that the next exchange of prisoners of war, perhaps to include about 100 Americans, will take place in the next five days.

In addition, 1,000 South Vietnamese and 7,000 North Vietnamese and Vietcong prisoners were scheduled to be freed by Tuesday.

South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu claimed yesterday the Communist side continues fighting in Vietnam despite the cease-fire in order to control larger populations and more votes in future elections.

"The Communists have reason to continue to fight because they need to have more people, more hamlets, to prepare for the future elections," Mr. Thieu told newsmen after addressing a political rally at Thu Duc, just outside Saigon. "That's the reason why they continue to fight, to get more hamlets, more people."



Crowd gathers around ruins of building blown up by Israeli commandos at Nahar al-Bared in north Lebanon early Wednesday morning. (AP radiophoto)

## Tekoah rejects Lebanon's U.N. complaint on raid

UNITED NATIONS. — Israel on Wednesday night rejected a Lebanese complaint that targets raided by Israeli commandos earlier in the day were civilian areas and said that they were "terrorist centres" operating with Lebanese Government support.

In a letter to Security Council President Joseph Oderjowi of Kenya, Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said the one base raided was "used for the training of foreign terrorists for terror operations in their own countries or against Israel."

Lebanese Ambassador Edouard Ghorra had written the Council earlier, in what he called a "strong protest," that the Israelis had hit Palestinian refugee camps, killing 30 persons, wounding 20 and blowing up 10 buildings.

Both envoys asked that their letters be circulated as Security

Council documents. Neither asked for a meeting.

Mr. Tekoah accused Ghorra of distortions. He said the "terrorist centres" attacked included a Fatah base and a Popular Front base at Nahar al-Bared and three more Fatah installations and another Popular Front base at al-Badawi. He charged that from the first base a booby-trapped car was sent to Europe late last year to blow up an Israeli embassy.

"It is Israel's duty," he declared, "to defend itself and to protect its people from the murderous attacks of terror organizations which enjoy the support of the Lebanese Government."

Ghorra said the Israelis came by boat, left by helicopter, killed 17 persons at Nahar al-Bared and 13 persons at al-Badawi, wounded 10 at each place and blew up five buildings at each location, one of them used for U.N. refugee relief. (Reuters, AP)

## Suharto agrees to Australian regional plan

JAKARTA (AP). — President Suharto agreed to the "potential value" of an Australian proposal for a regional grouping, a communiqué said yesterday, and Prime Minister Gough Whitlam said he would push ahead with the idea.

Mr. Whitlam told a news conference he would canvass Asian and Pacific leaders on his plan, which would presumably link Australia with Southeast Asia, China and Japan.

"I wouldn't discount the possibility of having it in a couple of years," he said. "I wouldn't expect it before a couple of years."

The communiqué noted that Whitlam's and Suharto's understanding in their talks "marked an important advance in relations between Indonesia and Australia." It said Mr. Whitlam agreed to "immediate and sympathetic study" of Indonesia's requests for economic assistance.

## U.K. newsman sees non-Arab terrorists

JERUSALEM POST CORRESPONDENT. LONDON. — Israel's announcement that the targets attacked in Lebanon were training bases for non-Arab terrorists was substantiated yesterday by a report in the "Daily Express."

Reporting from Nahar el-Bared, Arthur Chesworth writes: "At Badawi I saw a group of men in battle dress who looked European. When I asked who they were they refused to reply and I was ushered away by a commando security man."

Chesworth also refutes allegations of indiscriminate destruction of refugee dwellings. He wrote that "the Israelis had selected their targets carefully. Buildings housing refugees appeared to be undamaged. But those in the guerrilla sectors were badly blitzed."

## Cairo envoy to intervene for held terrorists

CAIRO (Reuters). — Dr. Hassan Sabry al-Kholi, personal representative of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, left here yesterday for Damascus for talks with Syrian officials on the arrest of a number of Palestinian terrorists by the Jordanian authorities.

## SALAM ON RAID No chance for us to intervene

JERUSALEM POST ARAB AFFAIRS REPORTER. Lebanon's Prime Minister Sa'eb Salam said last night that Israel's raid on the terrorist strongholds at al-Badawi and a-Nahr al-Bared on Wednesday came like lightning, giving the Lebanese armed forces no chance to intervene.

The Lebanese Premier, speaking on Beirut radio, said his Government did not give orders for the army to move. He noted that the Lebanese troops might have clashed with the terrorists by mistake, instead of the Israelis if they had intervened.

Salam was commenting on criticism voiced in some Arab newspapers against the Lebanese army for failing to aid the terrorists. The Lebanese Premier said his country's armed forces faced "unique circumstances, under which they were unable to do a thing."

Ridiculing the terrorist claims of having fought for over 2½ hours with the Israeli troops, Salam said "the whole Israeli strike lasted for about seven minutes."

The Lebanese Government yesterday issued no further statements on the Israeli raid. It made no mention of the final death toll, which was said to have been in preparation late Wednesday night.

The terrorists said over their Cairo-based radio last night that their casualties numbered 31 killed. They did not mention the wounded, who earlier were reported to number several scores.

## One dead, five missing in U.S. gas blast

COOPERSBURG, Pennsylvania (AP). — A gas explosion levelled an apartment building and damaged several other structures in this eastern Pennsylvania community on Wednesday.

Five persons were missing, at least one body, that of a child, was recovered and 20 persons were injured in the blast, authorities said. Firemen and police were sifting through the rubble of the apartment building, looking for bodies.

State police said gas lines were shut down because more explosions were feared. Persons living within a block of the blast site were evacuated.

The blast apparently was caused when men working on a sewer line hit gas lines.

## FIVE SUPERVISORS PUNISHED

## El Al back to normal after three-day strike

JERUSALEM POST AVIATION REPORTER. El Al yesterday resumed full-scale operations. Six flights took off for Europe and the U.S., and one each to Tehran and Johannesburg. But the airline made do with five fewer technical supervisors.

As a punitive measure against the five members of the technical supervisors' committee which brought the 112-man department out on strike last Sunday, the management cancelled five of the job designations. This means that the department now has only 107 supervisors. The five men who lost their designations as supervisors, however, continue to work in the department with the same salary, seniority and other rights as previously.

Disciplinary action was taken because the men had not given two weeks' notice of their intention to call a strike, as required by law. El Al's legal action against the five men for violation of a labour law has not been withdrawn.

Meanwhile, no details were available as to how many of the workers complied with the management's request on Tuesday to let their "surplus" leave during the strike and the present slack period. Neither was it clear what the workers who reported for work despite the request would be paid for their attendance.

"Surplus" leave refers to the accumulated above the 32 permitted by company regulations.

## Vatican now delays Viet leaders' photos

VATICAN CITY (UPI). — The Vatican's handling of photographic arrangements is among the points of contention between North and South Vietnam when they meet here as slightly more embarrassing visitors than Israel Premier Golda Meir.

The Vatican's official photographer said a picture of yesterday's meeting between Pope Paul VI and South Vietnamese Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam would be released tomorrow, 48 hours late. He gave no explanation for the delay.

Pictures of the Pope's meeting last week with chief North Vietnamese peace negotiator Xuan Thuy were released more than one day late.

When Mrs. Meir called on the Pope on January 15, pictures of the meeting were distributed 24 hours late, again without explanation.

## 15 terrorists in Brazil kill 'squealer'

SAO PAULO (AP). — A group of more than 15 terrorists shot down a Portuguese restaurant owner here on Wednesday in reprisal for his betrayal of other terrorists killed at the same spot eight months ago.

The terrorists left pamphlets at the scene saying "Oliveira, Manuel Henrique de Oliveira was killed because he denounced three terrorists who usually lunched at his bar. They were killed last year in a shoot-out with police."

The group said it belonged to the National Liberation Alliance, one of the groups responsible for several diplomatic kidnappings two years ago.

## Winthrop Rockefeller dies, aged 60

PALM SPRINGS, California (Reuters). — Former Arkansas governor Winthrop Rockefeller died in a hospital here yesterday after a long illness. He was 60.

A son of multi-millionaire John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and a brother of New York governor Nelson Rockefeller, Winthrop served as Republican governor of Arkansas from 1967 to 1970.

## Ismail leaves for U.S.

LONDON (Reuters). — Special Egyptian envoy, Hafez Ismail, left here by air yesterday for Washington for talks with President Nixon's administration on the Middle East crisis.

Mr. Ismail, President Anwar Sadat's national security adviser, held talks here with top British ministers on prospects for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Mr. Ismail would make no comment when questioned by reporters

on Wednesday's Libyan airline crash.

Extra police and airline security men kept a tight watch on him as he left. At the suite reserved for celebrities, police officers manned all doors and exits.

When two Israeli officials, including an El Al representative, walked into the lounge Mr. Ismail was using, they were quickly ushered to another suite 20 metres away.

## Athens students sit in to protest draft decree

ATHENS (AP). — Police sealed off the Athens University of Law yesterday as 3,000 students continued their all-night occupation of the school in protest against a decree drafting protesting students.

Relatives and friends of the protesters were not allowed to cross police lines to deliver food to the protesters.

Students announced they would continue their strike until the decree suspending deferments for students was withdrawn and the 97 students already drafted were released. The students reported, however, their food supplies were running low.

Hundreds of students and parents gathered around the sealed-off area during the night, and police arrested

several persons after fights broke out.

One of the students in the case said they were remaining "in case police and government henchmen launch an attack on the building. We will then move in to help those inside."

There were rumours that the police or army might launch an attack to eject the students. Odysseus Angelis, chief of the Greek army forces, twice made a tour of the school building.

Students stood on the roof of the building chanting liberal slogans as calling on the public and intellectuals throughout the country to support them.

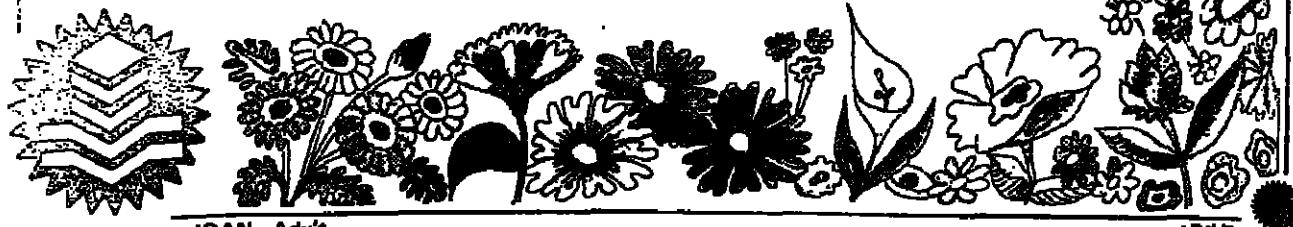
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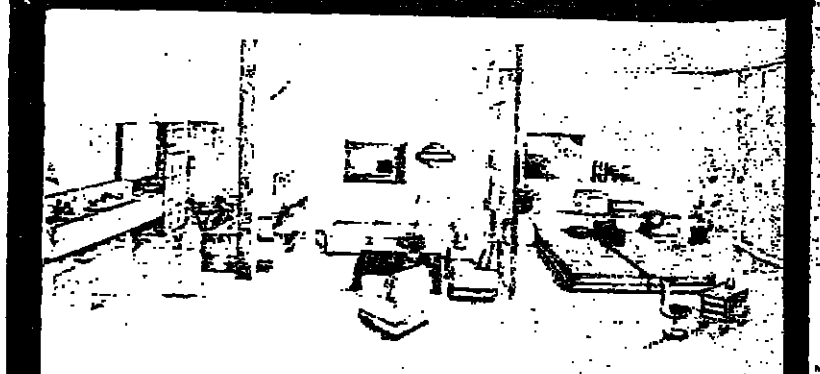
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## Arab boycott threatens Belgium

**BRUSSELS (Reuters).** — The Arab boycott of Israel central office has threatened to take measures against Belgium if the Belgian Government agreed to establish a joint Israeli-Belgian aircraft factory.

Mohammed Ahmed Mahgoub, office's Commissioner-General, a press conference here yesterday under the reported proposal would get a 600 million franc loan from Belgium which would also ensure immediate orders amounting to at least 500 million francs.

He said if the project goes ahead, Belgium will also be called for by Arab markets.

He added that Belgium's trade with Arab countries in 1971 totalled 100 million francs while that with Israel was not more than 10 million francs.

Mr. Mahgoub said the carrying of the project in Belgium would stifle the marketing of the Arab in the European Economic Community markets and other countries linked to it.

He would help Israel's "aggressive war effort," he added.

## \$10m. libel suit against Farago

**NEW YORK (Reuters).** — A former actress Merry Farago yesterday sued author Ladislav Farago for \$10 million claiming she was defamed in his book "The Me of Fences," about German and World War II espionage.

Miss Farago, of New York, described in the book as a mistress to leather business fortune, charged the Manhattan Supreme Court that she was "maliciously, intentionally, and wilfully defamed by the man pictured as an agent for the German Government in the United States during World War Two."

Mr. Farago, whose book was published in January, 1972, recently wrote a series of newspaper articles that Nazi leader Martin Bormann was alive in South America.



Coffin of Marshal Petain leaves military hospital of Val de Grace in Paris yesterday before being flown back to Ile d'Yeu. (AP radiophoto)

## Petaun coffin reburied after 5-day grave snatch

**ILE D'YEU, France (AP).** — The coffin of Marshal Philippe Petain, the World War I hero-turned-Nazi collaborator, was lowered back into its bleak tomb yesterday after a five-day grave snatching episode that could have an effect on next month's French legislative elections.

Stolen on Sunday from this windswept island off the coast of Brittany, the coffin was found on Wednesday wrapped in rags in a van in a garage near Paris and flown here in a military aircraft. Then behind a procession of veterans carrying the French tricolor, it was borne in a hearse to the tomb.

Flowers surrounded the grave. On one wreath of anemones and mimosa was inscribed: "The President of the Republic."

It was a gesture by President Georges Pompidou, who may have considered that the reburial here could cost his Gaullist majority rightist votes in its struggle to retain control of the National Assembly.

The coffin was taken on Sunday by a right-wing group, which hoped to force the government to agree to Petain's burial in the national military cemetery at Douaumont near the Verdun battlefields where the Marshal became a hero in stopping the German advance in World War I. Seven men, including a candidate for a deputy's seat in next month's legislative elections and a former minister of information in Petain's collaborationist Vichy government, have been held by police.

## JDL holds 8-hour sit-in at World Churches office

**NEW YORK (JNA).** — The Jewish Defence League took over the offices of the World Council of Churches here on Wednesday afternoon and staged a sit-in for more than eight hours.

The JDL spokesman said his group presented four demands to WCC officials. These included that the WCC call on President Nixon to cancel all talks and negotiations with the Soviet Union until Jews are allowed to emigrate, demand freedom for Jews in Syria and Iraq, and agree to hold a board meeting within a month to allow a JDL spokesman to address officials on the question of the church group selling all stocks.

Earlier on Wednesday, the JDL broke up a demonstration of left-wingers who picketed the Israel United Nations mission office to protest Israel's raid on terrorist bases in Lebanon and Damascus. According to a JDL spokesman, some 100 JDL broke through a police line and dispersed the left-wing demonstrators.

# Arab terrorists don't want to be forgotten

**THE** intensive political activity, in which the U.S. appears to have successfully engaged Jordan, Egypt and Israel, has been overshadowed by the forced crash landing of a Libyan airliner over Sinai, coming on top of an Israeli sea and airborne raid on terrorist strongholds in northern Lebanon.

The Palestinian terrorist movement, which failed to stir any Arab sympathy for itself through the Israeli raid on its bases in Lebanon, seized on the latter catastrophe as a propaganda weapon. The terrorists had accused the Arab states of indifference towards the raid on their bases. They noted that Israel's military attacks were being directed at the sabotage movement which, they said, remained the only Arab element to resist the current U.S. political activity aimed at "forcing the Arabs to surrender."

The terrorist charges were voiced as Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's adviser on national security affairs, Mr. Hafez Ismail, was winding up his Middle East talks in London, in preparation for his talks today in Washington.

The terrorists evidently fear that they are being excluded from political activity. In this context, Algeria, which remains one of the staunchest supporters of the terrorists among the Arab states, suggested this week that there was a well-considered scheme to settle the Middle East conflict, not only excluding the terrorist movement, but also at its expense.

In a political commentary, the official news agency, Algerie Presse Service, said that King Hussein's visit to Washington, the undercurrent conversations between U.S. delegates and Arabs from various countries in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in addition to Egypt's diplomatic offensive in Moscow, London, Washington, Paris and Peking "do not seem to be separate elements."

"Quite to the contrary, it appears that a vast plan, excluding the Palestinian resistance which visibly pays the price, is en route," the Algerian agency said, linking Israel's response to the political initiatives with the plan and "the trials" facing the terrorist movement.

Beirut Radio yesterday quoted Arab political observers as stressing that Egypt's President Anwar Sadat would not have sent his top adviser to Washington without offering new ideas on a political settlement.

These observers were reported to have expressed the belief that Egypt and the U.S. were no longer divided over the American proposal for an interim settlement aimed at reopening the Suez Canal. Washington's emphasis that such a move would serve as "an interim step leading to a final settlement" made it easier for Egypt to agree, as the other Arab elements now could not accuse it of abandoning them.

The U.S. Middle East activity can't be assessed before Premier Meir's visit to Washington next week, but it has in itself, undoubtedly, promoted a détente. This has taken the wind out of the sails of the terrorists, who are struggling to prove their existence as a force in the Arab arena.

To achieve this aim, they may yet resort to yet another desperate act, which they may link this time to the downing of the Libyan airliner. They may think this would stir some support among the Arabs, especially in Libya, the main source of aid for the terrorists.

**MOHAMMED Oudeh**, the ranking Fatah leader captured by the Jordanians while preparing a takeover of the Prime Minister's office, said on Jordan TV this week that the purpose of the Amman operation was to demonstrate the Fatah's existence "after three years of decline" in the image of the terrorist movement.

Oudeh, code-named "Abu Daoud," is known to be an intelligence officer in the Fatah. He stressed that he was under no pressure to make the TV statement, and indicated that alternative plans for the show operation were drawn up in Damascus. The terrorist group, in a desperate bid to pave the way for a coup, hoped to round up the Jordanian leadership while King Hussein was absent in the U.S.

Oudeh revealed in his TV statement that he and a girl pretending to be his wife were caught while touring the Jordanian capital in a car. A security patrol, doubting the authenticity of the Saudi passports carried by Oudeh and his "wife," arrested them together with two other passengers carrying Lebanese and Jordanian passports.

The terrorist leadership denied that any government takeover had been planned and said that Abu Daoud and a group of 16 other terrorists were arrested by the Jordanians while on their way to "the occupied West Bank to fight the enemy." They also denied that the voice on Amman Radio or TV belonged to Abu Daoud.

However, Abu Daoud's statement certainly seemed to be genuine. In fact Abu Daoud's relaxed composure raised the possibility that he might have been a double agent for the Jordanians who are known to have infiltrated the ranks of the terrorist movement.

The terrorist leadership's call on Egypt, Syria and Libya to help gain the release of Abu Daoud and his men and its subsequent claim that the plotters had been already executed did not win much reaction from the Arab states which find themselves in increasing conflict with the terrorist movement. The Middle East dialogue which the U.S. is promoting with a number of Arab states and Israel, was bound to affect the terrorists' relations with the Arab states.

## Death for Tokyo man who killed eight women

**MADEIRA, Japan (AP).** — Kyoshi Okubo, a smooth-talking former convict, was found guilty yesterday of raping and killing eight young women. He was sentenced to death.

Judge Masao Mizuno of the Maebashi district court set no date for carrying out the sentence. Okubo, 38, showed no reaction when Mizuno pronounced the sentence, but several of his relatives sitting in the gallery burst into tears.

Mizuno said Okubo showed no regret for the murders and death was the only penalty possible under the circumstances.

Police said Okubo raped and killed the women over a period of several months in 1971. He buried his victims all between 18 and 21 years of age, in a forest north of Tokyo.

Okubo lured the girls into joining him on car rides by posing as a painter searching for models. He usually wore a beret and often impressed them by reciting poems, the police said.

## Warsaw pact exercise ends in Rumania

**MOSCOW (Reuters).** — The Defence Ministry newspaper "Red Star" yesterday said a 10-day Warsaw Pact staff exercise in Rumania ended on Wednesday.

The exercise, conducted theoretically using maps, involved Soviet, Bulgarian and Rumanian staffs of land, sea and air forces.

It was held from February 12 to 21 under the command of Marshal Ivan Yakubovskiy, Commander-in-Chief of the combined armed forces of the Warsaw Pact, "Red Star" said.

Joint action by all types of armed forces was rehearsed, the exercise showed that generals, admirals and other officers have improved their operational training, the report said.

## Pakistani boy, 15, remanded after India House raid

**LONDON (UPI).** — A 15-year-old Pakistani schoolboy was remanded in custody for five days when he appeared in juvenile court yesterday on charges of attempted murder and conspiracy to abduct eight persons from the Indian High Commission in London on Tuesday.

Juvenile court rules prevented identification of the boy.

Two 19-year-old Pakistanis who accompanied him in the raid were killed by police after they threatened them with imitation revolvers. All three lived in Watford.

The boy is charged with attempting to murder 44-year-old clerk Anil Dutt, who was stabbed during the attack, and with conspiring with Hasharat Hussain and Mohammed Hanif Hussain, the two dead youths, to abduct eight members of the Commission staff.

## New U.K. immigration rules for C'wealth

**LONDON (AP).** — The House of Commons has approved new immigration rules which will ease the way into Britain for citizens of the "old Commonwealth." — Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

The rules will give an unquestioned right of entry to any Commonwealth citizen who can prove he has one British-born grandparent. They allow for "working holidays" of at least a year and provable extension to five or seven years.

The vote was 283 to 240, a Government majority of 43.

**\$10m. U.S. loan for Jordan irrigation**  
**AMMAN (Reuters).** — The U.S. Government will give Jordan a \$10m. loan to finance irrigation schemes in the Jordan Valley. It was officially announced here yesterday.

# Go-ahead for India's water grid plan

By TREVOR DREIBERG  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**NEW DELHI.** — India has given the go-ahead signal from U.N. experts for a gigantic national water grid.

The grid is planned to control drought and flood, which cause tremendous losses to farmers every year, and will irrigate nearly 70 million hectares of farmland when completed in about 30 years.

The \$13,000m. project will also create a few thousand kilometers of new canals for inland transport. It is the brainchild of K.L. Rao, Irrigation and Power Minister, who is an engineer by training.

The experts, sent here from New York to report on a scheme a commission of Indian engineers had drafted for the Irrigation Ministry, say it is technically sound. More important, they say the project is essential to meet the country's requirements of water by the end of the 20th century.

Dr. Rao will soon introduce a bill in Parliament to declare water a national asset. This is necessary to prevent state governments and private interests from raising legal objections to the scheme.

The new law will cover all water resources, including snow and ground-water. The experts have reported that methods of inducing rain hold out much promise in areas of the country where superclouds exist. They say salty and brackish water should be treated to increase the flow in irrigation channels.

Technical aid for the project has already been pledged under the U.N. Development Programme, and the World Bank is said to be showing interest in financing it.

Its core is a system of canals linking the Ganges in the north with the Cauvery in the south. The Ganges will also be linked with the Brahmaputra in the east, while a westward link with the Chambal will carry water from the Ganges system to the desert areas of Rajasthan. Another eastward canal

will link the 2,325-kilometre Ganges with the Mahanadi to irrigate the opposite direction into the Bay of Bengal. But an all-India economy requires strong traffic links between north and south to connect natural resources with well-populated areas of industrial production and consumption.

At the end of March 1972, large and medium irrigation facilities were available to water about 10 million hectares, roughly one-sixteenth of the total area under cultivation. Investment on irrigation between 1951 and 1972 was more than \$3,360m., and that on flood control and drainage \$349m.

Still, the annual monsoon brings severe floods and much devastation to various parts of the country. Damage caused by floods in the Ganges basin and in the east coast state of Orissa in 1971 was estimated at more than \$850m.

**650 MILLION**  
India's population is expected to reach 650 million in March, 1981. To feed an additional 100 million mouths would require 55 million tons of grain, more than the highest recorded harvest of 108 million tons in 1971. If improved farm techniques could provide 43 million tons, the remaining 12 million must come from increased facilities for irrigation. To yield this, eight million hectares more of land will have to be irrigated. Thus the next eight years must bring as much land under irrigation as was done in the previous 20, and this task can be achieved only through an imaginative and bold scheme like the national water grid.

Expert surveys indicate that most of peninsular India does not contain large supplies of groundwater or other forms of underground storage because formations of hard impermeable rock are generally found near the surface. But the Ganges plain can store vast quantities of underground water which could be channelled to the chronically water-scarce regions of South India in addition to the spillover of the monsoon.

The peninsular rivers flow east-west into the Arabian Sea, or in the

**MAIN LINKS**  
The experts say the main canal links should go into operation between 1982 and 1991. Navigation is a very important function of these canals and they should be particularly attractive to heavy, low-value, long-haul bulk cargoes which overburden the railway and road systems.

India has 8,500 kilometres of inland waterways, but only a fifth of this length is navigable. The Ganges-Cauvery link canal, the spine of the national water grid, could add another 2,400 to 3,200 kilometres of impermeable rock are generally found near the surface. But the Ganges plain can store vast quantities of underground water which could be channelled to the chronically water-scarce regions of South India in addition to the spillover of the monsoon.

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## Five Moscow dissidents to face trial

**MOSCOW (Reuters).** — Five men are to face trial here soon for distributing pamphlets criticizing Kremlin leaders and calling for strikes for improved living standards, dissident sources said yesterday.

The five were arrested last summer by the KGB, the Soviet security police, about six weeks after several hundred copies of the crudely duplicated pamphlet were stuffed into Moscowites' letterboxes.

All had confessed to taking part in the operation and the KGB had seized their home-made duplicator, the sources said.

They were understood to face charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda, an offence which carries a maximum sentence for first offenders of seven years in a labour camp followed by exile to a remote area of the Soviet Union for up to five years.

## Soviet Jewish girl said held in mental asylum

**LONDON (Reuters).** — A 14-year-old Soviet Jewish girl who was last autumn granted permission to emigrate to Israel, has been taken forcibly from her home in Moscow and may now be in a Soviet mental institution, a campaigner for the rights of Soviet Jewry said here yesterday.

The campaigner said that earlier today he had been in touch by telephone with Soviet ex-physicist Alexander Temkin over the fate of Mr. Temkin's daughter, Merina.

Mr. Temkin said that last Thursday the headmaster of a special French school where Merina is a pupil had threatened the girl that she was in danger of being sent to a lunatic asylum unless she changed her ideas of emigrating.

On Monday police seized Merina from her father and dragged her out into the cold, although she was clad only in a light dress and had on no coat, stockings, shoes or hat with which to combat the rigours

of a Russian winter, Mr. Temkin added.

The physicist, who lost his job when he applied for an emigration visa a year ago, said that after Merina's detention he, too, was taken into custody and held for 12 hours.

Mr. Temkin said he had not been able to find out where his daughter is being detained, but because of the threat assumes that she has been placed in a mental institution.

He told the British campaigner, with whom he has been in regular contact over the last few months, that last October both he and Merina were granted visas to go to Israel. Although divorced from his wife, Mr. Temkin was given custody of Merina, but last autumn he was deprived of this custody. Appeal against this decision is due to be heard today in the Leningrad District Court in Moscow, he added.

**DAUGHTER'S WISH**  
He said that when he and Merina went to collect their visas to emigrate they were told that while he could have a visa his daughter could not. Mr. Temkin then insisted that he would not go to Israel without Merina.

He said that Merina had constantly told her friends in the Soviet capital of her wish to go to Israel, and had said the same in letters to Israeli acquaintances.

The British campaigner said that he had never had any trouble in telephoning Mr. Temkin, which he was now doing daily in case the physicist was arrested, but he added that he was sure their line was tapped.

**Slave's daughter**  
**dies aged 117**  
**CHICAGO (AP).** — Mary Guess, born the daughter of a slave four years before the 1851 start of the U.S. civil war, died on Wednesday in a Chicago hospital, aged 117.

Born in Yazoo, Mississippi, Mrs. Guess worked as a servant before moving to Chicago in 1948. She later spent two years in a tuberculosis sanatorium. She had been a nursing home resident since 1963.

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The fact that you and we are here, that we are alive, that we are building our homeland together, that we are able to fight as a free people for unrestricted Jewish immigration and that there is a place for Jews to come to... all this has happened because both you and we have realized the responsibility that we carry to this generation. But even that is not enough. The true art is to do things with joy; not as a burden, but something you do joyfully and with satisfaction. In this partnership between the Jews of Israel and of the Diaspora we have done many things together. It has not been easy. But



many things that are easy are not so worth while. Establishing and consolidating the Jewish State in our time has not been easy. But it has certainly been worth while and the physical and spiritual rewards to all those participating have been great. In the 25th year of Israel's independence I am therefore especially pleased to welcome all of you who have done so much to help make this occasion possible.

GOLDA MEIR  
Prime Minister

## SHARING THE BURDEN

by  
Pinchas Sapir  
Minister of Finance

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome this very special group, representing the leading Jewish Communities of the Western World who have come to celebrate our 25th Anniversary with us, witness our accomplishments and hear about our problems. You come at a time when our borders are relatively quiet. It has cost us dearly to achieve and maintain this situation, especially in the years since the Six Day War. While the high costs of defence continue unabated we must, nevertheless, persist in our efforts to solve our social problems. We are also faced

## A COMMON DESTINY

by  
Louis A. Pincus  
Chairman,  
Jewish Agency Executive

As leaders in the Jewish world you have laboured with love and untiring effort in your countries and communities. You have shared with us the often overwhelming difficulties as you have shared with us in the glorious achievements of these past twenty-five years. The task that confronts us in the years ahead is mighty. This challenge summons us to push forward with renewed vigour the ingathering of our people from their spiritual desolation in the Soviet Union, from their physical persecution in Arab lands, from whatever place where

## UNITED RESOLVE UNITED EFFORT

by  
Ezra Z. Shapiro  
World Chairman, Keren Hayesod  
United Israel Appeal

Twenty-five years is but a fraction of time in the life of a people, but at the beginning of a new era, when they are fraught with uncharted opportunities of triumph and recurring threats of disaster, they assume all the dimensions of an age. In the quarter century now drawing to its close, the Jewish people have experienced both these opportunities and these threats, in its endeavours to re-establish its national identity, of which the State of Israel is the physical embodiment. By and large, it has been a joint

The largest international mission on record of Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal leaders is concluding an intensive 7-day Study Mission to Israel this weekend. The Mission has included briefings by Israel's leaders and visits to a wide variety of locations concerned with the absorption of immigrants and the defence of the country. On Sunday, a day before their departure, the visitors are scheduled to meet for a special reception and briefing in the Knesset with the Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir.

More than 350 leaders of major Jewish communities in Europe, the Far East and the Western Hemisphere are participating in the Mission which is also marking the 25th anniversary of Israel. Upon their return to their respective countries they will help launch the second phase of this year's Keren Hayesod campaigns whose world-wide goal is to collect a total of \$120,000,000 for Israel in 69 countries, excluding the United States.

Briefings with Government and Jewish Agency Leaders

During their visit the Mission members were briefed on current affairs, problems and needs by Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Pincus, Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dulzin, Keren Hayesod Chairman Ezra Z. Shapiro, and the Director General S. J. Kreutner. They also participated in a round table symposium on the subject of immigrant absorption with the Directors General of the Jewish Agency and the Ministries of Finance and Education.

Among the highlights of the Mission were an encounter with new

immigrants at Lod Airport and at a major absorption centre in Holon, a visit to military installations, including the Bar-Lev Line along the Suez Canal, a special evening of entertainment at the Jerusalem Theatre with leading Israeli and immigrant artists, and a tour of old and new settlements in the Lachish area. This morning the group is meeting over breakfast at their Sharon Hotel headquarters with Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, and tonight they will enjoy an Oneg Shabbat with Brigadier General Mordechai Piron, Chief Army Chaplain, and the Chaplaincy choir.

Tomorrow afternoon they will meet with Defence Minister Moshe Dayan for a question and answer session after an earlier scheduled encounter with him had to be cancelled because of difficulties in timing.

It will take some time for the visitors to absorb and digest the kaleidoscope of impressions and the wealth of information which they will have gathered on their brief though intensive Mission. But Keren Hayesod leaders in Jerusalem are confident that the inspiration which such a mission invariably provides will impel the visitors to ever greater deeds on behalf of Israel in their respective communities back home.

## The Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal Financial Arm of The Jewish People

by  
S. J. Kreutner

Director General, Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem.

"Keren Hayesod — the instrument implementing our national will towards the upbuilding of the country and its settlement."

Chaim Weizmann

The story of the KEREN HAYESOD, the challenges it faced and faces, its activities, achievements and failures, are closely connected with four distinct periods of Zionist, Jewish and Israeli history:

- The era of the 'Jewish National Home' from the time of the Balfour Declaration, 1917, to World War II, 1939;
- World War II and the Holocaust, 1939-1945; and the three following years of the struggle for the Jewish State;
- The first 19 years of the State of Israel, 1948-1967;
- From the Six Day War, 1967, and after;

Keren Hayesod fervently hopes soon to face a fifth period of challenge in Jewish and Israeli history — the era of Peace between Israel and its neighbours.

In each of the four periods mentioned, great parts of the Jewish people in the widespread Diaspora have been in need of a haven of refuge, or desirous of a home in ERETZ YISRAEL. The Jewish population of ERETZ YISRAEL, in contrast to the settled populations in other countries of immigration, has eagerly supported this idea of a haven and home, as the very essence of Zionism, the RAISON D'ETRE of their own presence in the country. Yet in each of the four periods, they were too few in number; they were engaged in fierce battles of survival against enemies determined to uproot them and drive them from the country; they lacked natural resources and capital.

If refuge and home had to be provided it would, of necessity, have to be done for and on behalf of the entire Jewish people; that is, in a joint undertaking by the YISHUV, of Israel, and those Jewish communities abroad who could actively assist in providing the required resources for the restoration of the country and for the immigration and integration of those who could come to live in it.

To issue this call for united action, to interpret it and to work for its realisation was and is the task of the KEREN HAYESOD. This is the purpose of its fund-raising activities all over the world for and on behalf of the Jewish Agency, whose financial arm it is, together with the United Jewish Appeal of the U.S.A.

KEREN HAYESOD has endeavoured to discharge its obligations through the four periods indicated. It is also geared to provide the new and exciting needs inherent in Peace between Israel and its neighbours.

Active in 69 Countries

KEREN HAYESOD is active in 69 territorial communities around the world outside the United States. Its fund-raising activities are directed to approximately 2½ million Jewish souls, or a little over 600,000 Jewish families.

The goal in the year of Israel's 25th Anniversary is to raise at least one-third of the \$470 million Budget of the Jewish Agency for the current fiscal year. The remaining two-thirds will have to be provided by the Jewish community of the United States through the United Jewish Appeal.

KEREN HAYESOD activities cover a huge area and it services a variety of contrasting communities. Large and well-known communities rub shoulders with small and obscure ones. Some are composed of survivors of the Holocaust, others of those who were spared its horrors. Some belong to developed and others to under-developed nations. There are communities in which the KEREN HAYESOD — United Israel Appeal is enjoying income tax concessions or exemption on contributions, but there are many — the

vast majority — where this is not the case.

KEREN HAYESOD — United Israel Appeal's activities in the 69 communities are based on leadership, co-workers and full-time 'professional' personnel in its service.

The Order of Knighthood

To its leadership and co-workers the late Moshe Sharett once sent the following message:



S. J. KREUTNER

"My warmest greetings to my dear friends, the members of the Order of Knighthood of the KEREN HAYESOD, whom I have seen in their respective countries at their daily work and

in their position of leadership. I know that the words 'fatigue' and 'recess' do not appear in their vocabulary, because the content of their life implies constant effort and fulfillment of duty, which is their highest recompense."

From its Head Office in Jerusalem, the KEREN HAYESOD renders the following services to the Appeals all over the world:

- Provision of guest speakers and special emissaries to carry the annual campaign message into the communities at the opening of the Campaign, at other functions and at meetings with individual contributors;
- Reception and programming for Study Missions to Israel from Campaigns all over the world;
- Educating and training professional Campaign Directors for countries which are unable to find suitable staff locally;
- Dissemination of facts and figures concerning Israel's needs, through publications, articles and films;
- Practical assistance on the part of its Chairman, Director-General and leading staff members in canvassing specific contributors; enlisting leaders and co-workers and in the planning and programming of Campaigns.

The 'Presidium' or 'Directorate' of the KEREN HAYESOD at present includes the World Chairman Ezra Z. Shapiro, who succeeded Dr. Israel Goldstein in 1971, the Chairman and Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and the World Zionist Organization, Messrs. L.A. Pincus and A.L. Dulzin, respectively, and other Heads of Department of the Jewish Agency and the W.Z.O.

## The Jewish Agency —

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SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE

by

Moshe Rivlin,

Director General, Jewish Agency

Few governments can boast the accomplishments of this single Agency — the Jewish Agency for Israel — formed by voluntary association by a dispersed people to help their brethren recreate and consolidate their national existence in an ancient and distant land. There are few precedents, if any, in the history of human affairs for such an undertaking and for such achievements. For 20 years before Israel's establishment, the Agency was the main instrument in land settlement activities and in creating the infrastructure of the future Jewish State. In the 25 years since then it has:

- helped bring and absorb over 1,500,000 immigrants, including more than 100,000 children through Youth Aliyah;
- helped to provide 500,000 housing units for new immigrants;
- established and consolidated 500 agricultural settlements;
- helped in Israel's expenditures for social welfare, higher education and the initial absorption of immigrants.

All this has been accomplished with a total expenditure of \$3,604,300,000 (1948-1972 inclusive) the bulk of which was contributed voluntarily by world Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal (U.J.A.) in the United States and the Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal in 69 other countries throughout the world. The contribution of world Jewry during this period amounted to a staggering \$2,230,600,000, a sum unprecedented in the annals of voluntary giving. Still, it has not been enough to fulfil the ever-growing needs and the Agency has had to spend another \$1.4 billion which it obtained from other sources, such as

German reparations and loans, fact, its debt burden today is heavy one, requiring payments of more than \$200 million annually, should be noted that of the total \$2.2 billion raised since the establishment of the State, \$1.3 billion, some 60% was contributed since the Six Day War. Two years ago the Jewish Agency was reconstituted to include



MOSHE RIVLIN

leaders of the fund-raising campaign on its Directorate, a move which has further strengthened the bond between the Jews of the Diaspora and those of Israel. Thus, the Jewish Agency today, more than ever before, serves as the great bridge over which they travel together and share as the true representative of Diaspora Jewry in Israel.

With such a partnership and such a record we can certainly look forward to Israel's next 25 years with confidence in still greater achievements.

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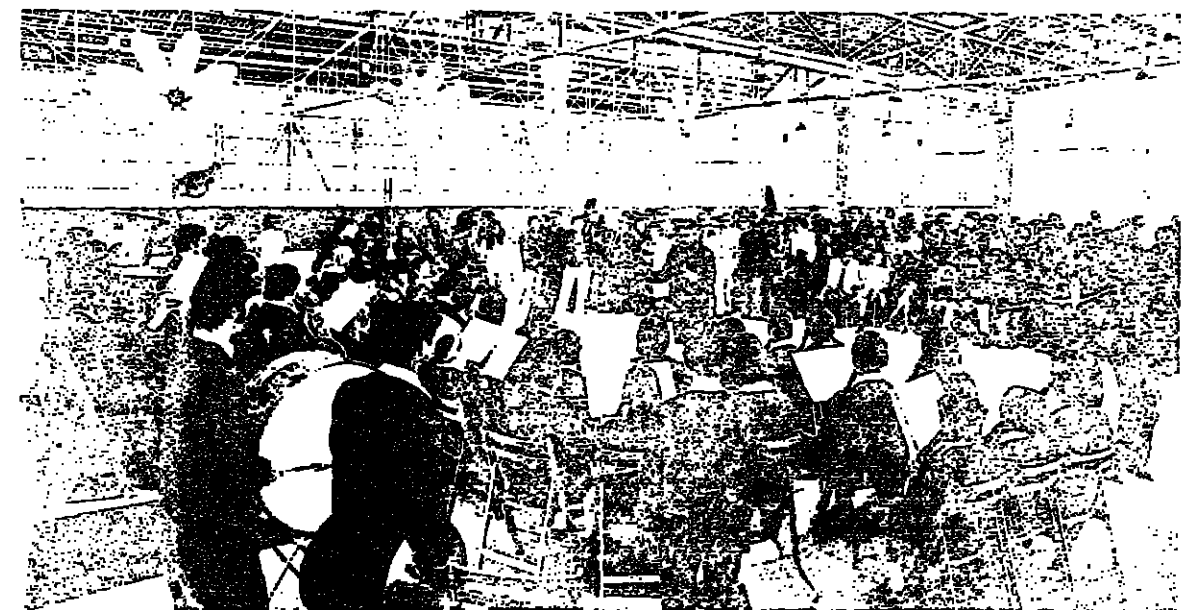
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One of the highlights of the Mission was a mass encounter between the 350 visitors and 160 new immigrants from Russia in this hangar at Lod Airport. In the foreground is the Kiryat Ono Youth Band which participated in the unique welcome.

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# FRENCH ELECTIONS In Corsica, poll will be as grotesque as ever

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
AJACCIO, Corsica.

“Election frauds?” queried bar-ber Bill Sands, formerly of tango, Norfolk, as he gave me a back and sides in his shop on the waterfront of this sunny Med-iterranean port.

“I really know nothing about that of thing,” The Mayor of Ajaccio, Rostini, expressed the astonishment when I called at pink stucco Town Hall which looked by a galaxy of palm trees, Mr. Rostini, who is leader of the Communist Party, which is aimed at restoring the Napoleonic dynasty as rulers of France, said: “All this talk about trick-ery at the polls in Corsica is pure nonsense.”

However, in Paris the Corsicans are firmly rooted reputation for ing political results. The result of the closely fought general elec-tion in 1967 remained in doubt for a couple of days until half-a-dozen boxes which had been thrown in the Mediterranean by oppo-sition of General de Gaulle, were set out by benevolent fisher-men to clever manipulation of postal ballot, votes cast in Cor-sican villages often amount to sev-eral times the local population. In-ter-arme, citizens who have been buried in the nearby cen-ter, and characters whose names have been borrowed from the works of Victor Marthe, all help to pad voting registers.

## Fool-proof

In the general election which is held next month, the first of the Gaullists landslide vic-toriously after the turn of May 1968, the Ministry of In-terior thought they had discovered fool-proof device to guarantee an accurate result. Voting machines, which record the name of each voter as he casts his ballot and add up the totals, were order-ed for Corsica's three constituencies. It henceforth seemed to have ruled out.

Interior Minister Raymond Barre had not reckoned on the tenacity of the Corsicans. When learned that the voting ma-chines were on their way from Pa-ri, the islanders' indignation was no bounds.

It was known that the machines would cope with a maximum of 14 candidates. In Ajaccio, the entire 34-member Municipal Council an-nounced they were standing for re-election. Each councillor put in a \$200 deposit as a surety for the seriousness of his intentions, though their political labels were more than a shadow of doubt: one man proclaimed he was stand-ing in defence of “Bread,” another named his programme as “De-vice of the Sicily.”

But the objective of the candi-dates' massive intervention was achieved: It will now be impossible to use voting machines in Corsica, at least in the first round of the election on March 4, even unless the field is reduced to a maximum of 14 candidates in the second a week later. So, barring an improb-able change in the insular character, the Corsican election looks like being as grotesque as ever.

Corsica is 23 minutes by the daily Air France service and a night voyage by the steamship “Napole-on” from Nice and Marseilles on the mainland or, as the islanders prefer to say, the “Continent.” But emotionally, France and Corsica are two different planets. Corsica has been a French possession for only two centuries and, although it now enjoys the same status as any other administrative department, it still suffers from colonial complexes.

The Corsicans claim that their inhibitions are much more than complexes. They grumble about the high cost of living; the island which is composed almost entirely of mag-nolia, or mountain scrub, must import almost all its food and other needs from the mainland. Ex-cept for lumber, there is almost no local industry.

## Pieds noirs

The islanders look resentfully at the pieds noirs, the French settlers from North Africa who made their homes here after Algeria obtained independence in 1962. Thanks to a tradition of hard work (which con-tracts with the indolence of the Corsicans) and generous Govern-ment aid, the newcomers have de-veloped prosperous farmsteads and opened thriving holiday hotels.

The islanders might have re-torted by adopting this example. In-stead they have set off 300 plastic bombs during the past 10 years, none of which, happily, has done any phys-ical injury.

So, unsurprisingly, the Corsicans are showing scant interest in the joint programme with which the Socialists and Communists are fight-ing the election, or in President Pompidou's threat to hold another poll if the March vote does not give him satisfaction. They are much more concerned with the threat which is being posed to their liveli-hood by a phenomenon called “red mud.” This is 3,000 tons of chemi-cal waste which is being spilled into the Mediterranean off Leghorn every day by Italy's Montedison conglom-erate. Borne northwards by the currents of the Tyrrhenian Sea, the red mud is killing off most aquatic life on the bed of the Med-iterranean around Corsica. Within a year or two, there will be no more tuna, and already lobster, which used to be daily fare here, is becoming a rarity.



Mr. Agnelli Moura, candidate for Paris' 5th Arrondissement in the March 4 elections on a platform of non-violence, pastes his own posters. (APF)

The French Government, which has been contributing more than its share to the pollution of the envi-ronment by nuclear explosions in the Pacific Ocean, is ill-placed to complain to the Italians. So the “red mud” continues to seep around the shores of Corsica. Last weekend, the Corsican fishermen blocked the port of Ajaccio and Bastia in protest. But what was intended as a peaceful demonstration was taken over by a gang of local hoodlums who did \$45,000 worth of damage to the local government offices in Bastia and beat up officials.

The result was that Corsican violence, a god-send to the Govern-ment at a moment when the opin-ion polls show a strong trend against the ruling majority, has been getting more publicity than Corsican grievances. But in the “island of beauty,” better known for its vendettas and blood feuds, that is no surprise to the disenchanted inhabitants.

## Music Reviews

### Serious lack

The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Youth concert No. 3. Conductor: Dalia Atlas. Soloist: Sergiu Feldman, piccolo. (Tel Aviv, Mass Auditorium, February 19). “Symphonies” by Schubert: Symphony No. 9; Overture to the opera “Die Fledermaus”; Concerto for Flute and Orchestra; Schubert: “Scherzo”; “Scherzo”; “Moldau”.

ALTHOUGH this concert included a no contemporary work, a serious lack in any musical educational programme for youth, in nevertheless offered enough variation to keep interest alive. The tiny but im-mensely charming Vivaldi piccolo concerto, exquisitely played by Sergiu Feldman, provided an ex-citing contrast to the brassy and sombre Philharmonic. A pity that Miss Atlas failed to elaborate on this specific.

I was not impressed with Miss Atlas' short explanatory talks, parts of which were not historically sound and not particularly enlightening. But she made up for it with the fine performance on the podium. Her conducting was clear and visually pleasant and the orchestra's per-formances were satisfactory which all added up to a pleasant and instructive evening.

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## Israel Bridge Festival ends

By GEORGE LEVINKEW

The Israel Bridge Festival closed on Wednesday night, after Mrs. Rixi Markus' team won the tradi-tional teams-of-four competition.

The Israel junior team was lead-ing until a dramatic final deal, when they lost to Mrs. Markus' team.

The standings of the winners, with a maximum of 260 points: The Markus team-156 points; Mrs. Markus-England (captain), Ben Nahum — Israel, Dr. Krakow-sky—Israel, Achterberg — Switzer-land, Mrs. Brechner — Israel, Seid-man — United States.

2. The Israel Junior Team-154 points: Romik (captain), Lev, Selig-man, Levenhauer, Birman, Ginzburg. 3. The Italian team-153 points: Le-Vecchio (captain), Avarrelli (member of the World Championship Blue Team), Fremo, Romeano, Grizi, Wisel.

Over 300 people attended the closing banquet on Wednesday even-ing, when prizes were distributed. Representatives of the visitors from Scotland, France, Italy, Switzerland, the United States, South Africa, Germany and England spoke.

## CORRECTION

In the special game on Saturday evening for players not in the team-of-four event, the 27-table competition was won by Bozrau-Peyroin, not as reported on Wed-nesday. Marin of Tel Aviv was second.

# IS THERE A JEWISH VOTE?

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
PARIS. — Is there a Jewish vote in France? How will the 550,000-strong Jewish community — a mere one per cent of the electo-rate — cast their ballots when the country goes to the polls on the first two Sundays of March?

These questions are being thrashed out not only in the Jewish press here but in national organs as well. The answer seems to be that, while a dedicated Zionist minority will select their candidate in the light of his attitude towards Israel, the majority of French Jews will vote on the same issues as other French citizens: their yearning — or their distaste — for a change after 15 years of uninterrupted Gaullist rule; their anxiety about the rising cost of living; and their enthusiasm — or apprehension — over the creation of a joint front between the Socialists and Com-munists.

Writing this week in the new political magazine “Le Point,” Irene Allier, a distinguished commenta-tor, said: “Everybody, beginning with the specialized offices and the sociologists, is pretty well in agreement that there is no Jewish vote in France, that is to say a collective vote of the French Jews. However, everything is happening as if the candidates had decided to create a Jewish vote again. Obviously, they are doing this for their own profit.”

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# THE BRUSSELS CONNECTION

By SHALOM COHEN

EUROCRAT: Hello, hullo. Is that Kier Sabat? Brussels here. I want to speak to His Excellency, the Minister. In person. P.S.: Nu? I'm here.

EUROCRAT: I'm speaking from the E.E.C. Maybe they told you I phoned. I rang your Treasury but always it seems you're not in.

P.S.: In a manner of speaking. It's a big country.

EUR.: Listen, our chaps have been studying your reports, but they can't make head or tail of them.

P.S.: Yes, yes. EUR.: The figures don't add up. Do not add up.

P.S.: Read from right to left. But admit it, the figures are impressive.

EUR.: Yes, of course... but they're trying to untangle the figures on your tariff cuts. How come with all these cuts your import prices keep going up?

P.S.: My good man, our libera-lization has extended the pro-gramme. Wait! Trusting of pages of small notebook: 15 per cent off, then another 15, then 20 per cent, and — my friend Bar-Lev keeps cutting, they call him the mohel.

EUR.: But nothing changes. I'm only repeating what they say here. The import prices move up together, like it's organized. It's not nice what you're doing.

P.S.: I should like to see some-one prime minister. I haven't got a finger in it. Talk to the im-porters. You've got the wrong address. It's the importers.

EUR.: It's setting a bad example to other countries. If you...

P.S.: All right, I'll tell you what. I'll slap a subsidy on imports. Gemacht? Just do me a favour, stop Eurocratizing. I got an im-portant meeting.

EUR.: Plinky, there's something else. The imports, they don't get through the customs. They're using words here like protection-

P.S.: My very dear boy, it's sanc-tions. Sanctions! You don't know? It's like a strike. It's not my doing, believe me. You want a bastion of democracy, or may-be not, huh?

EUR.: How come it's only with imports? Excuse me asking.

P.S.: Wait. Just listen to this. It's all in the little book. Strike days per G.N.P. means average per thousand capita — naturally, in the relative age-groups — are you listening there? — in 1973-3 the year begins April — allow-ing for annual rate of —

EUR.: Put it in writing.

P.S.: Oral law. Well, well, what do I see — do you know what Sinai is costing me?

EUR.: They've got another com-plaint here. You're flooding the world market with your out-rageous high-interest loans.

P.S.: Don't devalue.

EUR.: I'm only repeating: one of the boys in the geography division here says your last re-port is tricky. The bit about import tariff cuts in the port of Tiberias.

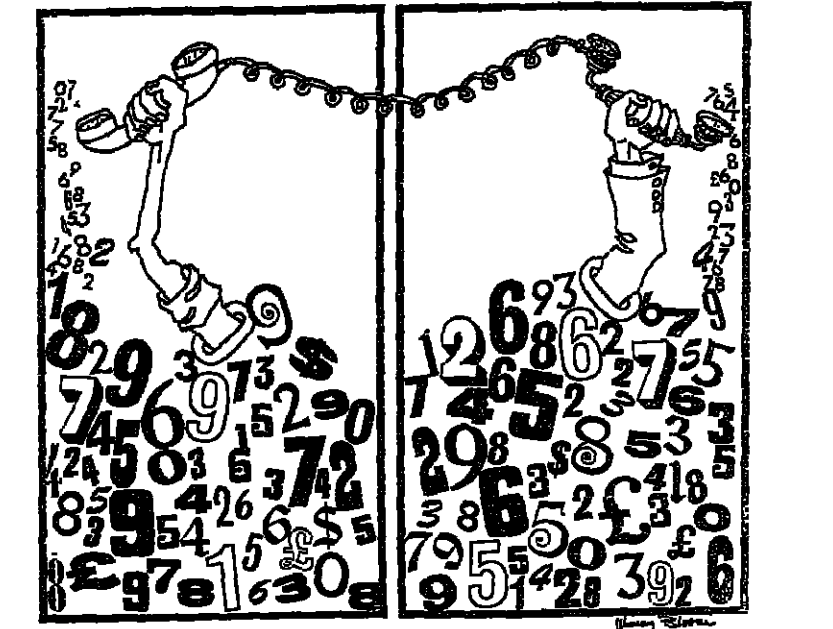
P.S.: Sardines.

EUR.: It's said to be on a lake, the port, inside.

P.S.: Sardines in oil.

EUR.: Eh? Okay Plinky. I know you've got a meeting, but what will I tell them about your im-ports marked “Made in Israel”? P.S.: It's the Japanese. Well, I never... When you leaving for the Smithsonian, eh? (sotto voce) vos tilt er fon mir?

EUR.: Yes, quite. It's been a useful talk. But just one point I must bring up. (lowers voice) Plinky, I've got to the Council of Ministers. They're listening in. Yes, your Excellency, it's a very strict rule with us that States have one national currency. So what's these funtim? Nobody. I mean nobody, has two currencies. P.S.: Comrade — it's all very simple. With you I can speak in



nutshells. It's the same thing differently.

EUR.: I'm not with you.

P.S.: That's because you got too many experts. What you need is professors. I'll lend you some. We've got the lira, and the lira only. Clear? Funtim is when you look at liras, in millions, from a distance. They get smaller, like with binoculars the other way. 2-in-o-c-u-l-a-r-s. Do you hear?

EUR.: I see... I see... But it's not in any of the books...

P.S.: Good. Funtim is also for looking close-up. It looks bigger. It all depends.

EUR.: What?

P.S.: Oral law.

EUR.: Yes, of course, why didn't you say so (confidentially).

Pinky, you wily bird, you're floating?

P.S.: A little — in a manner of speaking. An Indian fakir should see such levitation. Nothing just a little, from a small printer, a jobber.

EUR.: What will be with the dollar?

P.S.: Don't call me, I'll call you.

EUR.: Plinky, don't ring off. (click) Did you hear that, it's the Council again. I've got to ask a favour. Strictly between us. Hold off paying visits abroad. We're already tied up with one devaluation (click). Your Excellency, we need time to stabi-lize.

P.S.: Nu, nu. I can tell you this. We have no intention of devalu-ing here, absolutely none.

EUR.: Operator — Your Excellency, I've got to rush-quick, get me Tokyo...

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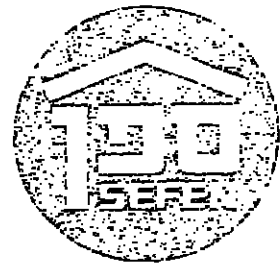
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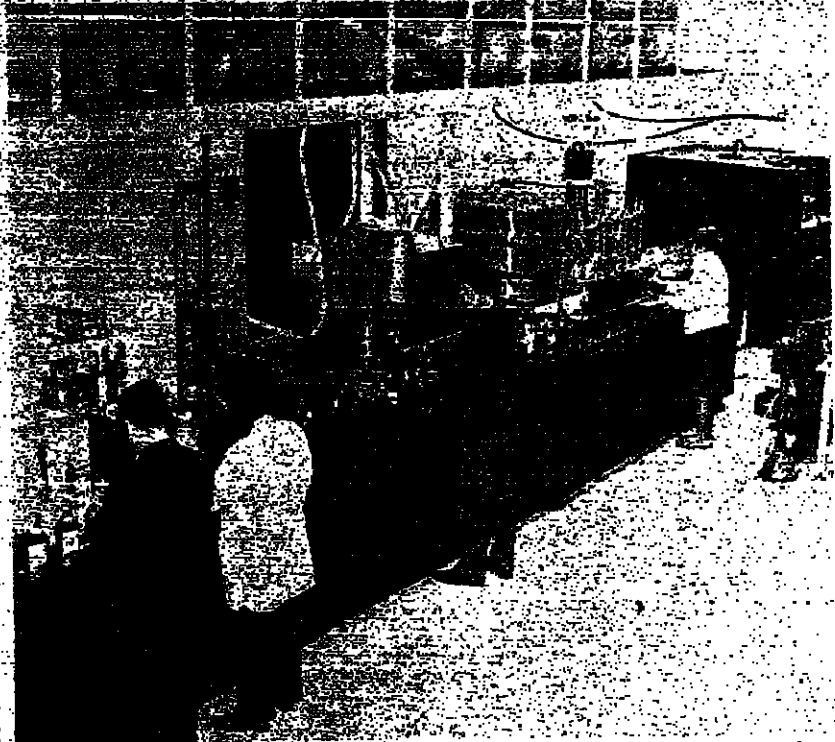


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Whisky comes off the bottling line in Galilee.

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## Carmiel plant to market two new brands of whisky

By YAA'COV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

water is "superior to Scottish water."

HAIFA — The year-old National Distillers company of Carmel, Western Galilee — Israel's only whisky distillers — are about to release two new brands, both higher priced than its present line. Asot, a blended whisky, the new brand, "Carmiel" whisky called "Bar Kokhba" and a "Scotch" called "V.I.P." will be aimed largely at the export market, directors of the company told the press here yesterday.

Bar Kokhba will sell at IL28 per bottle (retail) in Israel, and V.I.P. at IL28 (Asot is now IL26.50 per bottle). All three brands are marketed in 15th bottles (750cc.) and are 86 proof — they contain 43 per cent alcohol (imported from Scotland) and 57 per cent distilled water.

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company director Shmuel Ganz said the plant marketed 120,000 bottles of Asot whisky in Israel during its first year of operation. The whisky flowing from Galilee thus covered 20 per cent of the growing local whisky market. The company also exported 6,000 bottles to Australia, South America, France and the U.S., where it is sold at 90 cents a fifth (before taxes).

The company expects to raise local sales to 200,000 bottles this year, and export a similar amount. It employs a staff of 12, half of them production workers, and has an installed capacity for a million bottles a year. It will start shipping a profit when production reaches 150,000 bottles, Mr. Ganz said.

The whisky essences, including the neutral grain spirits, are all imported from the Scottish firm of Reid Wright and Holloway. Mr. Ganz claimed that expert tasters had pronounced the Galilee whisky "as good as Scotch whisky" and even "indistinguishable from it," though it is cheaper. To prove his point he treated the press to a taste of Bar Kokhba, which — to this near-teetotaler, at least — tasted as smooth and mellow as the better Scotch whiskeys.

But, Mr. Ganz complained, the customs authorities "discriminate" against Israeli whisky. He noted that the imported raw material for a bottle of Asot costs \$0.35 U.S. cents — on which they pay IL3.77 in customs, excise and purchase taxes. On the other hand, imported Scotch, which costs IL2.50 a bottle before taxes, is taxed at only IL1.9.

"We are actually paying three times more taxes," he said. Furthermore, when the plant started operating, customs published an order raising the duties on whisky only IL1.25 to IL1.65 per litre of alcohol. Though the Carmiel plant has since been granted a limited-period reduction of IL3.25 per litre, "we are working at a disadvantage compared to brandy makers, who pay only IL1.25."

Their appeal is now pending. In the meantime, Asot is sold locally for IL25.50 a bottle, compared to IL29 a bottle for imported Scotch.

The Union of Scottish Whisky Distillers has asked the Jerusalem courts to restrain the company from marketing Asot as a "Scotch" whisky, but Mr. Ganz noted that they had filed similar suits in many other countries. The Carmiel firm has changed its Asot label to read "Blended and Bottled by National Distillers Ltd. in Association with Reid Wright and Holloway," which it hopes will satisfy the Scots. Mr. Ganz expects the Scottish union to grant its approval for V.I.P. to be marketed as Scotch whisky.

## Britain wants low citrus tariff

YAA'COV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

to go on enjoying them at the same low price. "We therefore have a common interest in this matter in the Brussels negotiations," he said at a reception given by him and Mrs. Ledwidge given by the Haifa Branch of the Israel British Commonwealth Association.

The Ambassador expressed his belief that Israel's negotiations on its industrial exports to the Market would also yield good results. The negotiations will be tough, but I believe the results will be better than you may fear now," he said.

Britain will work to with Israel in its efforts to Common Market to reduce tariffs on Israeli citrus, the Ambassador, Mr. Bernard, said here on Wednesday.

Britain wants the tariffs to be the same low level that it has in its country before the Market in January.

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## Stock prices lower

YORK (AP). — For the consecutive day, stock market were generally lower yesterday, though blue-chip issues picked in afternoon trading. Volume moderate.

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The most-active issue, Celanese, was unchanged at 31 1/2, with most of the trading in a block of 254,900 shares that sold at 30 1/2. Magnavox, whose earnings disappointed some analysts, dropped 1 1/2 to 17 1/2 as the second most-active stock.

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## THE PUZZLING 15 MINUTES

THE circumstances leading to the forced crash landing of the Libyan jetliner Wednesday and the great loss of life which resulted became clearer yesterday.

But a basic puzzle remained — namely, the strange behaviour of the Libyan plane's pilot. It is still not known how an aircraft on its way from Benghazi to Cairo could have strayed so far off course. Moreover there is, and was during the critical moments Wednesday, profound wonder that the plane was permitted to fly over Egypt's missile network west of the Suez Gulf without either being shot down or warned off.

Suspensions were heightened when the pilot refused over a period of a quarter of an hour to heed the various kinds of signals and warnings demanding that he land the plane and be identified.

To make sure that he understood the seriousness of Israel's demands, the intercepting pilots flew within just a few metres of his window — and exchanged hand signals. There were warning shots. At one point the Libyan aircraft's pilot even lowered his landing wheels, but then changed course and veered back in the direction of the Canal.

The operative conclusion was that this was an enemy plane, permitted to cross over from enemy territory, taking great risks to do whatever it set out to do.

Perhaps more will become

known about the reasons for the pilot's actions when the Libyan co-pilot, hospitalized in Beersheba, recovers sufficiently to tell his story.

Meanwhile the Egyptian Government is active in spreading its own version designed to embarrass Israel in world public opinion.

It would be more useful if instead of trying to reap advantage from this disaster Egypt would now finally recognize the need for some cooperation in the control of the airspace over our two countries in order to prevent such tragedies from happening.

There will, of course, also be those abroad who, while perhaps not accepting completely the Egyptian version of the events, will nevertheless be prepared to see intent in Israel's action.

The only answer to such attempts to accuse or suspect Israel of deliberately downing a civilian plane filled with passengers is to let the facts of the 15 critical minutes speak for themselves.

There are conventions, and rules in the business of flying and in international air traffic. They apply when the flight pattern is normal, they apply when pilots find themselves in difficulties, and they apply to the state involved. This is the context in which Wednesday's tragedy must be understood.

This of course can be no comfort when considering the loss of life. But it is the only perspective for all those, whether in our region or farther afield, who wish to apply reason rather than demagoguery to the tragedy.

## Dry Bones



## ISRAEL PRESS

### LIBYAN AIRLINER

Davar (Histadrut) comments on the forcing down of the Libyan airliner: "The loss of life of scores of passengers causes deep regret in the hearts of Israel's citizens and Government. The tragedy could have been averted had the persons in charge of the plane responded to the calls transmitted to them in accordance with accepted international procedure."

Ha'aretz (non-party) writes: "The tragedy is regrettable but was unavoidable, since the pilot did not respond to the warnings issued in accordance with every practice customary in international air traffic. The flight direction raised the suspicion that the aircraft was aiming at some hostile act. There was no way of ascertaining whether or not it was a decoy plane."

Al Hanihmar (Mapam) also stresses that the Israeli action was in accordance with accepted international practice, especially since the plane belonged to a hostile country. The paper calls for a thorough investigation, so as to be able to

convince world public opinion that there really was no alternative to forcing down the plane.

Hatzofe (National Religious) likewise demands an investigation into the circumstances of the plane's incursion into Israel-controlled airspace, and why the pilot did not respond to the warnings.

Hamedia (Agudat Yisrael) writes: "The pilot was responsible for the tragedy. He had ample time for a careful weighing of the risk involved, as well as for requesting instructions from an Arab airport and did not do so. Israel had sufficient reason to force down the plane, which continued to intrude deep over territory controlled by the Israel Defence Forces despite clear warnings."

Omer (Histadrut), recalling Arab terrorist threats, notes: "There was reason for apprehension that the plane was on a suicide mission, aimed at blowing up Israeli fortifications. Thus there was no excessive haste involved in the decision to intercept the plane."

## FOREIGN PRESS

### World reacts with shock

The world's press reacted yesterday with shock and anger at Wednesday's downing of the Libyan Boeing 727 jet.

The London "Times" said, "Yesterday's bringing down of a Libyan airline by Israel is not just another unfortunate accident of war. This was at the least a reckless act of killing of civilians, and as such inexcusable, even if, in contrast to the murders of which Israel has been the victim, it was not wholly premeditated."

The "Daily Telegraph" said that although Israel "acted bravely in forcing down a Libyan airliner with the loss of at least 70 lives," much can be said in extenuation. "The captain, presumably acting on strict explicit or general instructions from the Libyan government, was offering extreme provocation and deliberately courting disaster."

The Soviet news agency said the incident represented a "dangerous escalation of brigandage in the Middle East."

The agency also accused "American imperialist circles" of inciting Israel to "new crimes and new acts of aggression," by giving the Jewish state military, economic and political support. Soviet commentators con-

demned the downing of the Libyan airliner as a "piratic" act and said Israel was trying to block moves toward peace in the Middle East.

Egyptian newspapers described the shooting down as "the dirtiest crime."

"Al-Ahram" carried a banner headline: "A horrible Israeli crime... the shooting down of a civilian Libyan plane."

In an editorial "Al-Ahram" said Israel had "deliberately perpetrated this crime."

A Jordanian newspaper, "Al-Dustour," described the forcing down as an ugly crime "exceeding in its gravity the hijacking incidents from which the world is still suffering."

The pro-government Moroccan daily "Le Matin" gave secondary importance to the Boeing incident, with a brief report on the front page, while opposition dailies gave it first priority under large headlines.

In Algiers, the government newspaper "El-Moudjahid" said, "The Munich tragedy is far from equaling the horror of the tragedy which was played out yesterday over the Sinai."

(AP, UPI, Reuters)

# Medicine without patients

AS you listen to Health Minister Victor Shemtov map out the road — if that is a strong enough term — future of medicine in Israel, you fancy yourself already in Paradise, where, strictly speaking, you should get only after medicine has done its worst and you are beyond its aid. I found myself more impressed by a constant thread running through the debate that followed his statement on the Ministry to the effect that our spectacular achievement in some of the main medical centres were all very fine, but that we failed largely to give reasonable standards of service to the general public and failed altogether in the field of preventive medicine.

Mr. Shemtov is a Mapam man and in the past has always shown a close and genuine concern for the common Israeli. Here would be an opportunity to put these principles into practice. We do not have to go down all the way to the barefoot doctors of China, but it is a fact that a competent trained nurse in a distant village makes all the difference between despair and confidence in a medical emergency.

The new medical school at the University of the Negev, which Mr. Shemtov supports warmly, is to train family doctors again. Unless they find a dean who can make them feel that this is the ultimate aim of the whole profession, the bright students will all stay in their fascinating laboratories, leaving the no less fascinating humans to bear their aches and disabilities with whatever fortitude they can muster.

### Novel thought

Haikie Grossman (Alignment-Mapam) put it very well in a single sentence: "The doctors should remember that medicine has no right to interfere with the life of a human being." This would surely be a novel thought for most of the brighter medical students, who look upon their subject as a purely theoretical subject on a par with nuclear physics, say, which can of course be applied

by the engineering boys, but is much more interesting when it is kept in the abstract realm of Einstein's scrap of paper and stub of pencil.

WHAT did Deputy Premier Yigal Alon say to the four newspapermen? On the record or off the record? The published version sounded rather glib, with enough sovereignty for a flag over the Dome of the Rock. That might not matter so much if the Dome did not happen to stand right in the middle of the Temple Mount, which is so holy that orthodox Jews are forbidden to walk on it lest they unwittingly enter the area of the original Holy of Holies, whose precise location is not known to us. This leaves us tied to the Moslems in a way that can only be made tolerable by peace and cooperation. And what did he say to it in his mind when he suggested the possibility of an approach road on stilts as an extraterritorial approach from Jordanian territory? Jordanian territory where? On the outskirts of the city, within shooting distance? Or many miles of this road on stilts? Whether it was said at all or not, the whole suggestion obviously belongs in the realm of the kind of idle speculation that persons in high office should avoid like the plague.

The position was obviously embarrassing for Mr. Alon. Two of the four newsmen stood by their story that the statement had been made, while the other two did not: it is easier to suppose that two agreed that it had been made "off the record" and should not have been published, than that the other two had invented it. Thus Mr. Alon both denied it vigorously in reply to Mr. Begin's motion for the agenda accusing him of calling us out, and at the end of his over-long explanation came round to arguing, more or less, that it would not be such a bad idea to give Jordan special rights over the Moslem holy places. Justice Minister Ya'akov Shimshon Shapira came in for the session, as though to give

Mr. Alon moral support, as the rest of the Cabinet table was empty. When Mr. Begin inveighed dramatically, as usual, against the very idea of a foreign flag fluttering in Jerusalem's sacred precincts, Mr. Shapira interrupted to say, half-jokingly "but you don't mind if it flutters over a foreign embassy?" You can't stop Mr. Begin when he once gets going, but of course there is nothing we like better than to see foreign flags flutter extra-territorially over embassies in Jerusalem, for they are visible evidence of some state's recognition of Jerusalem as our Capital.

### Puckish sprite

When the motion had been voted down Mr. Uri Avneri (Olam Hazeh) got up to speak on behalf of those who had abstained in the vote. With his longish mop of thick grey hair and longer, thicker beard and moustache, there is less and less of his face still visible. We had a momentary illusion of some Puckish woodland sprite, the kind that ventures out of the forest only to sour the farmer's wife's milk, or let the chickens out of the coop before he withdraws again to turn back into a gnarled tree stump, or some such part of a different earlier world.

He confines himself nowadays to making very minor trouble wherever opportunity offers. Moshe Dayan had once suggested that the mosque might go back to Jordan, he said. This set off a rumpus, and left Mr. Avneri grinning delightedly. In any case, even if Mr. Alon had not said whatever it was, he should have done so. If there were agreement on everything else with the Jordanians and the flag was the sticking point, would Mr. Avneri reject peace over it? The sprites, goblins and all their ilk have left us, driven out, as every one should know, by the inimitable contact with Cold Iron. Even Mr. Avneri should return to the world of reality if he does not want all the members to get up and troop out the minute he opens his mouth, as they did on this occasion.

## Readers letters

### THE CHURCH AND 'JEWS FOR JESUS'

George Eliot and Jewish 'altruism'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Many of us who are deeply concerned with the need for greater brotherhood and understanding between Jews and Christians were grateful for the sound wisdom of so much of your editorial "Church and Conversion" (February 18). The fervour of impetuous Christians and the furore of impetuous Jews, whatever their right or wrong convictions may be, should not be allowed to dictate the relations of Israel to Christians, or vice versa.

In my opinion, it is unfortunate that many Christian groups think of their representatives in Israel as "missionaries," even if it is true, as history teaches us, that this title and the practice of proselytism are firmly rooted in the Jewish thought and practice of the Second Temple period. The word "missionary" is the Latin equivalent of the ancient Hebrew word "shaliah" or "meshulach" and Christians took over the idea of proselytism (gilyur) from their Jewish ancestors, but for many years the term "missionary" has been equated with the Christian functionary whose task it has been to bring education, healing, and the Bible to pagan societies.

In this sense no Christian can be a missionary to Jews. Jews are not pagans. Rather, as Maimonides insisted, Christianity's missionary activity is to bring the pagan peoples to Israel's God. A much greater danger for Israel than overzealous young Christians, Jewish or non-Jewish, is the danger that Christians will reject their Jewish heritage. Many so-called Christians in Hitler's Reich attempted to expunge every reference in the New Testament to Jews and anything that even "sounded Jewish" in Christian history.

Israelis need to be reminded that the "Jews for Jesus" pose a challenge for the structured Christian

churches no less than they do for many Jews. What these young people are saying is that Jews need no longer join a Christian church in order to take Jesus seriously. This is a slap in the face of organized Christianity fully as much as it is an annoyance to Jews who cannot imagine a Jewishness with Jesus in it.

The real question may well be: Will these un-Jewish Jews be rejected out of hand by official Israel as easily as they remain unchanted and uninterested in a Christian church which has largely lost its Jewish moorings? If so they may end up in the arms of what your writer has called the "small evangelical denominations which make it their main aim to 'save the Jews,'" or as a new Jewish denomination standing somewhere between official Christianity and official Judaism.

Surely we Jews and Christians need to be reminded again that we "share a common future whether we like it or not," as Professor Littell has recently put it. Maybe the "Jews for Jesus" will make it clear to us both.

E. L. LINDSEY,  
Chairman, Baptist  
Convention in Israel

Jerusalem, February 19.

Editor's Note: — Whatever the etymology of the word "missionary," the fact is that in recent times it has had a broader connotation embracing also the conversion of Jews to Christianity, and institutions calling themselves "mission to the Jews" came into existence a century or more ago. And if there is considerable evidence of pagans converting to Judaism in the Second Temple and Talmudic periods, as well as of their general not unanimous acceptance by the masses and the Rabbis, there is really no strong evidence of active missionizing by the Jews of the time.

### Christian supporters of Zionism

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — Manfred Lehmann's letter from New York (February 16) suggests that anyone believing in the New Testament must "totally rule out the existence of a reborn Jewish state," for which he cites several proof texts.

Why is Mr. Lehmann, as an Orthodox Jew, so quick to decide what are "basic Christian tenets" in the face of a number of Christians who have publicly spoken and acted contrary to his thesis? It is common knowledge that there has been a stream of committed, believing Christians who have supported the Jewish return to Zion on Biblical grounds, which did not require a repudiation of the New Testament.

The writer is personally familiar with Christians who do not think

that "the synagogue of Satan" refers to "any assembly of Jews," or that "Jerusalem only exists in heaven," etc. Many have worked for Israel, spent time in kibbutzim, and in other ways demonstrated their Biblical convictions. They are in a better position to determine what are "basic tenets."

MENACHEM BEN HAIM  
Eilat, February 16.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In your issue of February 16, Mr. Manfred R. Lehmann ventures to uncover foundations of Christian prejudice against the Jewish State.

He quotes chapter and verse. I checked his quotations and found them as distorted as anti-Semitic quotations of the Talmud.

What purpose is served by these spurious quotations? Let me be fair!

Dr. BEEV NOYMAN

### Information please

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I served in pre-war Palestine, in 1938/39, as a soldier in the British Army. I have just retired after 36 years' service. During the 1938/39 period, I was with the Special Night Service under the then Major Wingate, and the present General Moshe Dayan was also a serving member whom I knew and respected.

On the night of Sunday, December 25, 1933, I witnessed a crash between a motorcycle and a car at the junction of Nordan and Nalm Streets, in Hader Hacarmel in Haifa. I lifted the unconscious rider, whose name was Yitzhak Daniela (21) and assisted by the pillion passenger, Nahum Sharaba (22), who was also hurt. I carried him to a nearby shop and left him while I phoned for an ambulance. I took them both to the Hadassah Hospital

and left them in the emergency ward. I had to report back the next day to the Syrian border and so never found out if the young chap had ever recovered. It was only recently, when checking through pre-war copies of "The Palestine Post" in the reading room of the British Museum, that I saw a report of this accident in your issue of December 26, 1933.

Although it is such a long time ago, would it be at all possible for your paper to check for me as to what happened to that young man? Did he recover and is he still in Israel? If it were feasible, I would love dearly to see him again.

JOHN KELLY  
London, January 28.

If any reader has information about the above, will he kindly write to The Jerusalem Post, which will be pleased to forward the letter to Mr. Kelly. — Ed. J.P.

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